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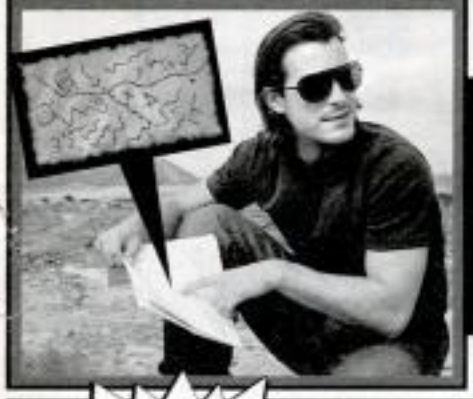

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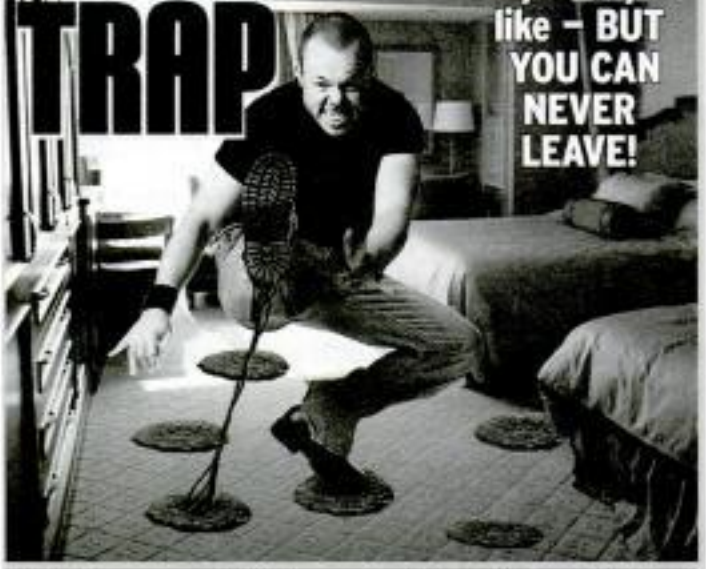

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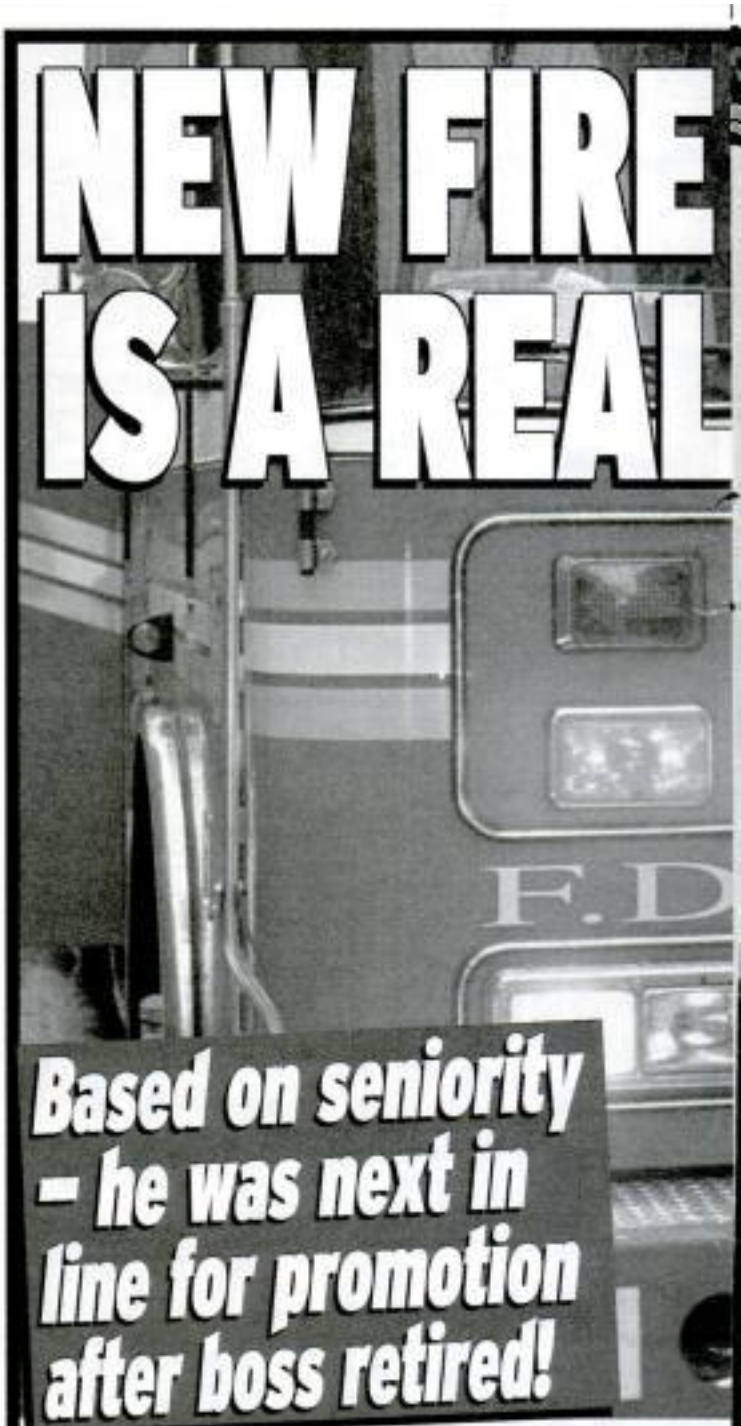


Based on seniority – he was next in line for promotion after boss retired!

By CHAD ELLIOTT

MARION, Iowa — The new chief of the Marion City Fire Department walks the streets naked — save for his hat — kisses strangers and never passes a fire hydrant without marking his territory. Yet no one complains.

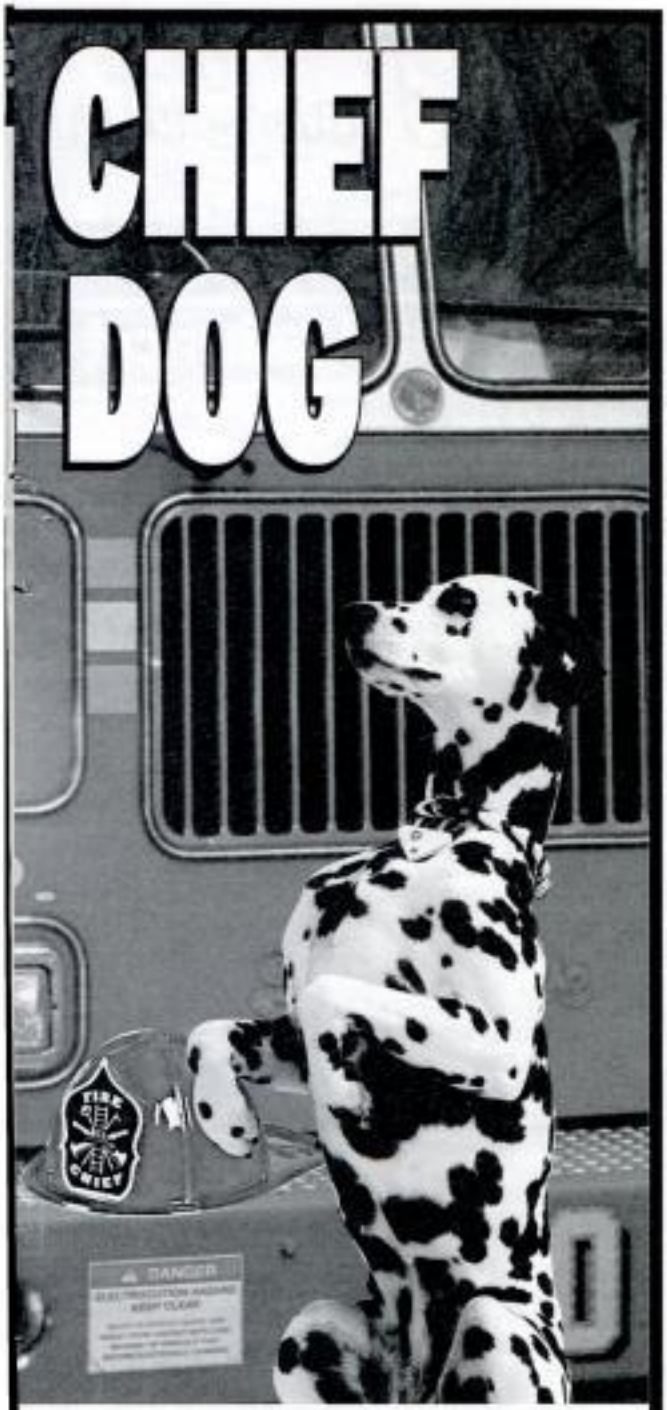
That's because the new fire chief is a Dalmatian named

sonnel based on seniority," firefighter Roy Acks explained. "Sparky has 10 years on the job and was next in line after our former chief retired."

Despite the fact that several highly qualified men were passed over, Chief Sparky is extremely popular with his men. This is largely due to his paws-off management style.

"You won't see Sparky barking orders, other than to fill his

CHIEF DOG



which includes scratching him behind the ears and playing ball with him once in a while."

The canine commander also inspires his fellow firefighters by example.

"When that alarm bell rings he's always the first one in the fire truck," Acks stated. "Pretty impressive, considering he's 11. That's 77 in dog years."

In addition, Chief Spanky His fire safety visits are extremely popular with local schoolchildren. He also serves as a calming presence at the scene of some very emotionally charged fires.

Nevertheless, Acks admits having a Dalmatian for a boss can have its dog days, too.

"Calls to rescue cats in trees can be a frustrating," he said.

"After we get them down,

MUSEUM OF FAMOUS BODY PARTS

On display are Betty Grable's famous gams, Elvis' pelvis, even Van Gogh's ear!

By DICK SIEGEL
Arts Editor

BALTIMORE, Md. – Since opening its doors last week, the Thomas R. Corcoran Collection of Distinguished Anatomy has received both raves and condemnation for displaying legendary human body parts.

"After losing his lips to a frozen bronze in the park – planting a kiss in midwinter, the result of a lost bet – the highly eccentric, multi-millionaire developer became a connoisseur and collector of segmented bodily

Boneacieux. "Archaeologists and adventurers spent decades searching the world over to fill his refrigerated showcases."

Now that Corcoran has passed on, his collection has finally opened to the public. The taxidermied remains of the late octogenarian himself greet visitors to the facility.

Among the hundreds of items on display are such notable pieces as:

- Van Gogh's ear
- Douglas Adams' thumb
- Elvis' pelvis
- Betty Grable's leg
- A lock of Samson's hair
- Fats Waller's belly roll
- Jimmy Durante's nose
- Oedipus' eyes
- The part of Marie Antoinette that is not her body

Thanks to a healthy endowment by the estate, Bonacieux is looking to add to the collection.

"We're bidding against San Francisco for Mr. Bennett's heart when it becomes available. However, it was Corcoran's dream to acquire Achilles' actual Heel – which has finally been located," the

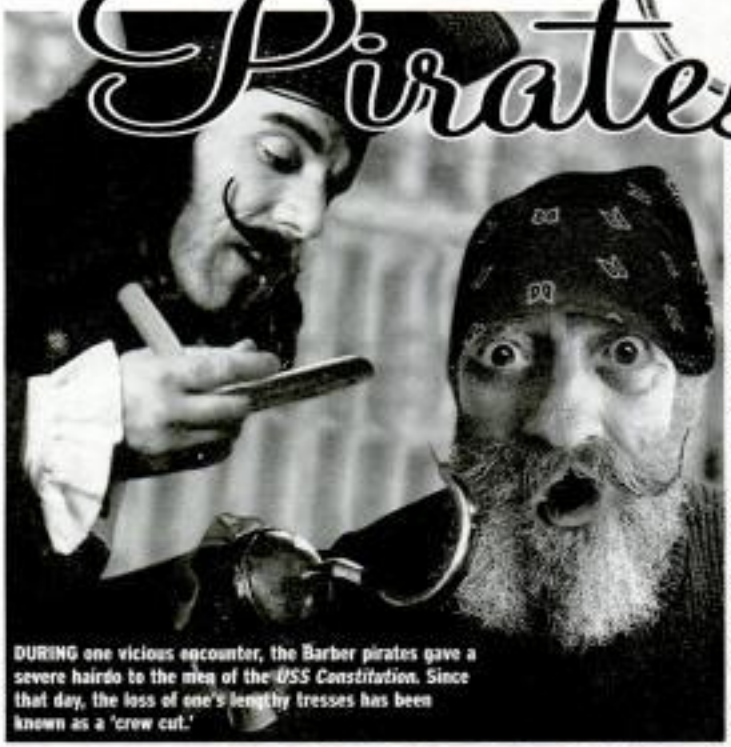
Barber Pirates

Hair Cutters

Feared more than the

would rather cut a

By JONATHAN PIKE



DURING one vicious encounter, the Barber pirates gave a severe hairdo to the men of the *USS Constitution*. Since that day, the loss of one's lengthy tresses has been known as a 'crew cut.'

RABAT, Morocco — While exploring areas of the coastline exposed by a recent storm, archeologist Terrence Willard uncovered a weather-beaten chest. In it were rusted scissors, brushes and razors — along with a journal documenting the exploits of the 19th century's most feared group of pirates.

"The log was penned by Trevor 'Strop' Collinge, captain of the long-forgotten Barber pirates and famed for his leather-covered wooden leg," said Willard. "This band of marauders preyed on ships along the so-called Barbary coast of Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia and Libya."

Whereas their better-known counterparts the Barbary pirates cut the throats of their victims, the

Blackbeard the Pirate

WEEKLY WORLD NEWS READERS

SOUND OFF!

CABLE STUCK IT TO ME AGAIN!

DEAR EDITOR, Do you know if the alien attack on the Texas Air Show (Feb. 13, 2006) was videotaped by anyone? If it was, I'd sure like to get a copy.

Can't believe I wasn't there! I go to that show every single year. I'm 43 years old and as far as I can remember, this is the first one I skipped. The darn cable guy didn't have any other appointments available for the next two weeks, so I really had no choice but to stay home and wait for him.

Anyway, after reading about all the excitement I missed, I'm really kicking myself. Sure I have cable, so now I can watch it over and over again in the news, but it's just not the same as if I'd been there.

– Sam Venison, Dallas, Texas

We'll get in contact with our sources and let you know, Sam. Make sure you go next year, though . . . We hear they might show up for a second round of battle!

♦ ♦ ♦

Sept. 5, 2005, issue and let me just tell you – it tasted like cardboard.

You know how you get all excited when you order a pizza? Well that's what I did, and when it finally came through I was miserably disappointed. I couldn't even make out the difference between the mushrooms and peppers! Not to mention the fact that it came through in *black and white!*

of the Seven Seas

infamous Barbary pirates, they man's hair than his throat!

Barber pirates were infamous for cutting something else: Hair.

"While they may seem tame by modern standards, the Barbers' skull and cross-comb banner was the most feared flag on the seven seas," said Willard.

"In the early 1800s, honor was valued more than life. A gentleman's long, clubbed hair was a source of great pride, a sign of his station and social class. A man would rather have been killed than made to look ridiculous.

"The Barber pirates opposed class distinctions *and* long hair, which they regarded as a breeding ground for head lice, filth and split ends.

"Collinge and his cut-hairs were truly ahead of their time."

In fact, the Barber pirates invented a hairstyle that still exists.

THE 200-YEAR-OLD chest contained rusted scissors, brushes and razors – along with a journal documenting the exploits of the 19th century's most feared group of pirates.

"During one vicious encounter, they gave a severe hairdo to the men of the *USS Constitution*," said Willard. "Since that day, the loss of one's lengthy tresses has been known as a 'crew cut.'"

♦ ♦ ♦

Dear Editor, I would have died if I'd been stuck in the middle of that brainstorm in Arizona (Dec. 26, 2005)!

I can't think of anything more gross than a bunch of old brains falling from the sky and plopping on the ground. I get chills just thinking about it.

One thing I don't understand, though, is why in the world the man in the picture is using his laptop computer to cover his head from the rain. His laptop?!?!? Those things break when they get wet, you know. Looks like he was surrounded by brains, but he wasn't really using his!

– Jarvis Mane, Racine, Wis.

You got us, Jarvis. Seems like an umbrella would have worked much better.

Letter of the Week

DEAR EDITOR, I hate feet! So you can see why I would have mixed reactions to your story about the man who had his feet arrested for killing him.

First of all, I did not want to see that man's yucky feet in the pages of the paper. Eek! Feet!

But second, I was thrilled to find out he had them arrested. Get feet out of here! They're so unattractive to look at. I think all feet should be locked up for good.

– Goldie Banton, Noble, La.

PAGE 5 GIRL NEXT DOOR

Sweet flower

PRETTY PETAL Sara Porter certainly springs to life on our pages! This blue-eyed blossom says she likes singing, modeling, wave-running, bicycling, hiking and sitting on the beach to watch the sunset. She also enjoys cosmetology, traveling, shopping, dancing, hanging out with friends and eating Italian

GHOST

Hot new resort is so popular it's spooky!

BY DICK SIEGEL

NAKED SPUR, Calif. — Here on the fringes of desolate Death Valley, a surprisingly successful theme park resort has just opened its doors — to the living!

Ghost Town — which was formerly referred to on maps as McCracken's Water Hole — is the brainchild of parapsychologist and real estate developer Guy Wilshire.

"I was researching ectoplasmic vortices in the region when I discovered powerful energy emanating from this deserted town," Wilshire told us.

"There were a few ghostly Western old-timers milling about the tumbleweeds. So with a grant from the University of Middle California — ostensibly for research — I convinced these spectral cowhands to become ghost-hosts."

From the start, tourists loved the idea.

"It's not every day you can visit a ghost town with real live ghosts," enthused 'Stub' Bradley and his family. "We were thinking of going to Vegas but this is so much more exciting."

"It's educational too," said Mrs. Bradley. "Our kids not only learn how the West was won, they get to meet the people who won it."

In addition to offering an authentic Western setting that

HAIR a little wispy? Get a trim (or a tooth extraction) at the local barber shop!

BELLE STARR performs her hootchie kootchie dance three times nightly.

PONY RIDES leave from this spectral corral.

reliving their past.

In *Belle Starr's and Stripes*, a dance hall saloon, there's a full floor show complete with spectral dancing girls as well as a chance to gamble with some well known Western cardsharps.

"Things got a little hairy last week when the ghost of Bill Hickok caught a player cheating at poker and knifed him," Wilshire said. "But since it was a ghost knife, and the fella was already dead, it went right through him. As for Holiday, we had Marshal Dillon's ghost lock him up in the haunted hoosegow.

"Dining a la Poltergeist at the

went on. "The phantom chow fills you up but — since its immaterial ghost food — it doesn't fill you out.

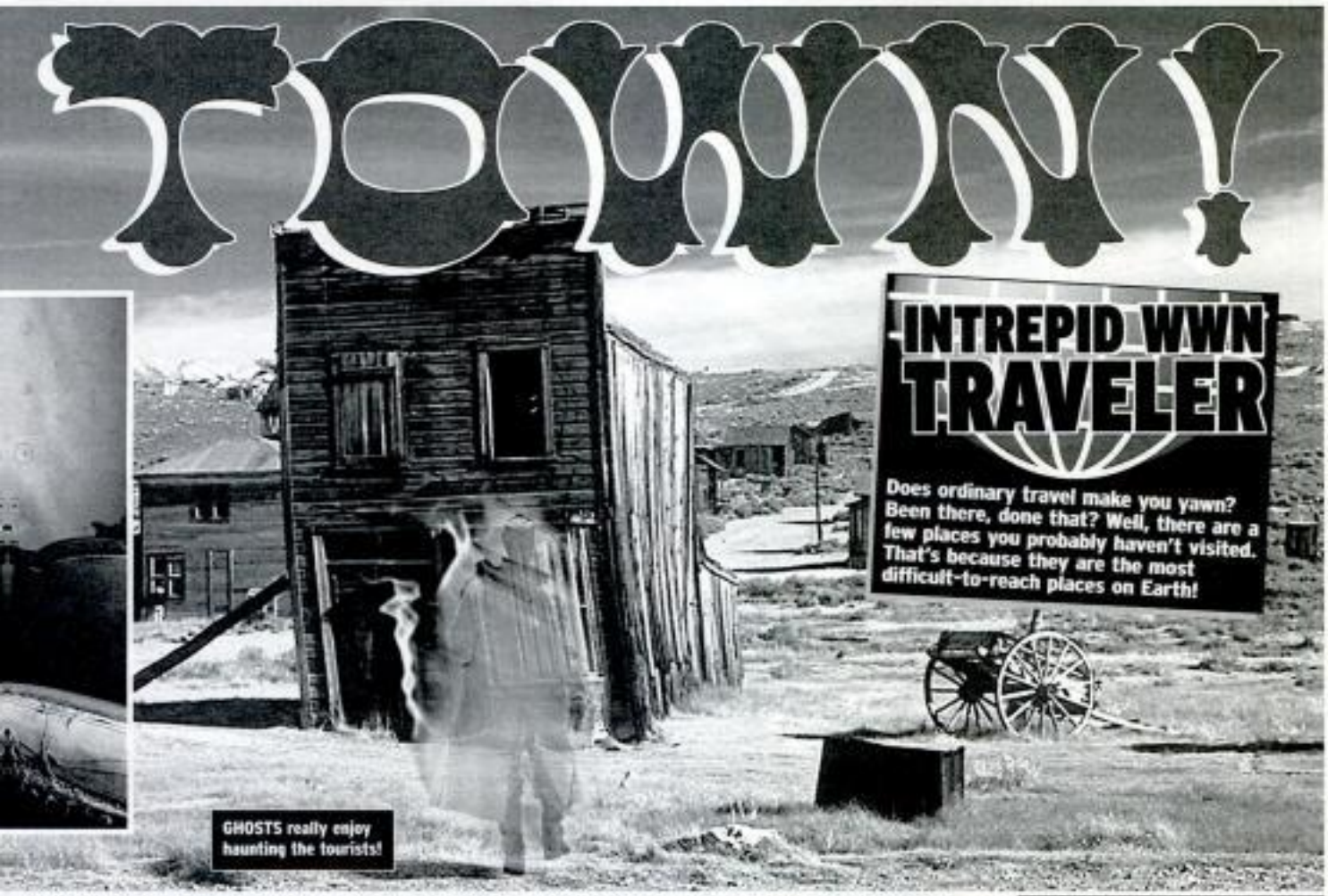
"For the kiddies there are ghost pony rides, weird wagon trains, a gold rush water flume, and *Annie Oakley's Shoot the Breeze* where she tells stories and sharpshoots while mom goes

— straight from Paris.

"We were hoping to get a few of those ghost buffalo we read about in your paper, (*Weekly World News*, Feb. 20, 2006)" Wilshire added, "but we were too late."

Wilshire dismissed complaints from the Poltergeist Rights Organization that

TOWN!



INTREPID WWN TRAVELER

Does ordinary travel make you yawn? Been there, done that? Well, there are a few places you probably haven't visited. That's because they are the most difficult-to-reach places on Earth!

GHOSTS really enjoy haunting the tourists!

denying them eternal peace.

"The ghosts themselves really enjoy putting on a show for the tourists," Wilshire said. "The afterlife is pretty boring and this allows them to keep busy *and* haunt the living, which ghosts are pretty fond of. It's a win-win situation."

Ghost Town has been so successful that Wilshire is planning to open a resort on the nearby Dusty Hill Cemetery.

"I've got a shaman who says he can revive the occupants," Wilshire said.

Look for Living Deadwood to open in the fall.

Admission to Ghost Town is $40 for adults, $22 for children. An overnight stay at the *Doc Holiday Inn* is $199 plus tax per couple, $50 for each child.

BIRD EXPERT DISCOVERS ROUND ROBIN!

By ANGUS FENWICK

GOSHEN, Ohio – The expression 'round robin' usually refers to taking turns. But international bird expert Rosie Taravella has found another meaning.

"Last week, I located and captured the elusive Round Robin bird," she said.

"I had pinpointed one possible location for the *Robustus migratorius* in the Terai Forests of Nepal, near Mount Everest," revealed Taravella. "My team and I had been searching there for nearly three weeks when we heard the unmistakable, bloated chirping.

"Off in a clearing was a magnificent female, by far the roundest bird in existence. She looked as though she had eaten a tetherball. Fortunately, the *R. migratorius* was on the ground and I was able to drop a net over her. She did seem to hear us as we neared but had some trouble becoming airborne. This is a very lazy bird that waits for fireflies and gnats to come to *her*."

While Taravella's team puts the Round Robin through a series of tests and experiments at the Taravella Aviary Clinic – including exercising it on a bird treadmill – other organizations

"We've heard from a number of zoos, private collectors, even an African tribe who consider her a goddess and would like to worship her," Taravella said. "Personally, my first priority – and her's too, I'm sure – would be to find a male Round Robin so they can reproduce."

In the meantime, Taravella is already preparing her next project.

"We're trying every possible technique available to cheer up

ROBIN ROUND BREAST gets up considerably earlier than the rest of the birds.

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CHAPEAU NEWS

LAWYER FIRED FOR HAT TRICK

CHICAGO — "I couldn't concentrate on my work," said paralegal Joyce Murphy. "Steve sat directly across from my cubicle and he's really distracting."

"Everyone in the office laughed at Steve behind his back," said attorney Mike Richards. "But no one wanted to say anything — he was just *so* sincere."

Since he was hired at the Malcolm and Morris law firm two months ago, tax attorney Steve Banks came to the office carrying five to 10 different hats.

By WILLIAM STEWART

"My father was a hatmaker," said Banks. "He always told me that to be truly successful a man changed hats for each new daily task.

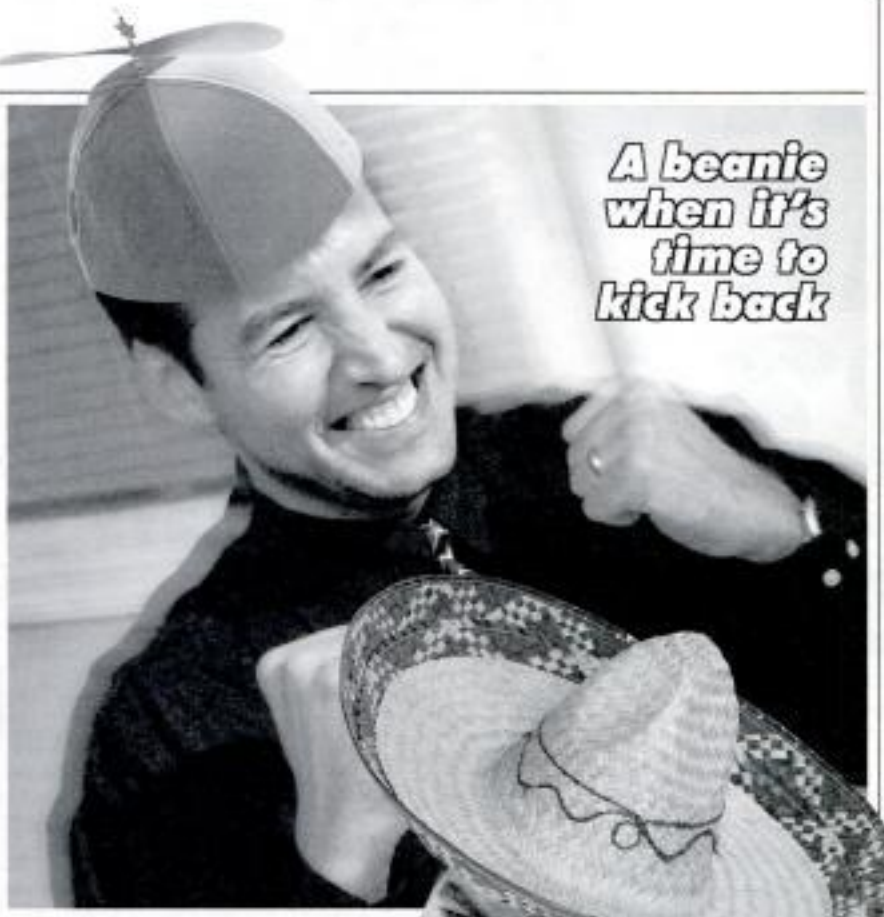
"I usually start the day with a sailor's cap for the it's a beret for the coffee break and a baseball cap for the 'home stretch' into midday.

"I tend to go with a sombrero for lunch or 'siesta time,' and then a police or military cap in the afternoon. That's when all the serious work gets done.

"If work gets really difficult, I slip on a *yarmulke* so God will notice and maybe give me a hand. graduation cap to show that we made it through another one!"

There are also top hats for office birthdays, clown hats for parties, hard hats for killer deadlines, and cowboy hats for days when there are dustups between co-workers.

He wears panama hats when he comes in on weekends. Banks even has a selection of women's hats for those times when



plary," said Thomas Gold. "Unfortunately, his hats made our staff and clients nervous. It wasn't professional. Especially the football helmet he wore to negotiations.

asked him to stop wearing hats. The young lawyer declined.

"It would be an insult to my father's memory to take them off," said Banks. "I promised him on his

give up his hats, Gold had no choice but to fire him.

"I'll survive this," Banks insisted. "I'd sooner beg for change on the street than betray dad's legacy.

"And considering the

HEADLINES FROM TOMORROW!

By CHUCK LEE

AFTER opening a popular Chinese restaurant in Manhattan, Chuck Lee discovered that eating large amounts of hot mustard enabled him to foretell the future. Chuck shares his remarkable predictions with *Weekly World News*:

SHANGHAI, China, 2008 – Due to increasing reliance on foot-powered transports, the Chinese design a lightweight bicycle with flower "pedals." These so-called "Goldenrides" are much easier on the feet and leave them smelling fresh after a long ride.

HOUSTON, Tex., 2009 – Because of skyrocketing gas prices, bikers start riding real hogs.

HOUSTON, Tex., 2010 – Bikers discover that feeding hogs is more expensive than buying gas. They stop riding hogs and purchase motorized Goldenrides.

DANBURY, Conn., 2010 – An exercise machine is created for couch potatoes. It's called the Chair Master. People sit down in it, then get up, then sit down, then get up. They don't miss a moment of TV.

DANBURY, Conn., 2011 – Couch potatoes decide that Chair Masters require too much effort. A device called the Stare Master is marketed. While the Master lifts him or her up, then down, then up, then down.

GRAND CANYON, Ariz., 2012 – A more challenging version of golf is created. Called gulf, it involves hitting tiny, aerodynamic balls over wide chasms. If the player's stroke doesn't send the ball all the way across, they have to climb down and get them. Gulf is not only terrific exercise, it redefines the term "rough."

WASHINGTON D.C., 2013 – Due to the ballooning national debt and its drag on the economy, Congress passes a law requiring that pets pay taxes.

WASHINGTON, D.C., 2014 – Because of inflation, most pet owners can't afford to pay the pet tax. As a solution, pets are forced to get jobs. Any business refusing to hire a competent pet is charged with discrimination and receives a heavy fine. Not surprisingly, chimp baggers at grocery stores

LACK MORAL FIBER?

THIS pleasant-looking young man robbed banks before he added Moral Fiber to his diet.

New dietary supplement will keep you on the straight and narrow!

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Health food stores are stocking a new supplement that does absolutely nothing for the body.

"This caplet will not lower your cholesterol, prevent cancer, or protect you from pollen," said inventor-nutritionist Jill Wheaton. "But 'Moral Fiber' *will* help make you a more decent and ethical individual."

Wheaton invented Moral Fiber after years of research into the relation of psychology and physiology.

"Goodness is a mood, just like fear, anger and love," said the 44-year-old Wheaton. "And just as these moods can be influenced by certain chemicals, so can morality.

"Hormones called endorphins are secreted by the brain to relieve stress and pain," said Wheaton. "When combined with various plant fibers, the endorphins not only create a sense of well-being but a sense of goodwill."

The recommended dosage varies from person to person.

By LEONARD McCOY

"Someone who cheats on their taxes might only take one pill a day," said Wheaton. "A shoplifter, car thief or bank robber should consider taking more. Say, one pill an hour."

We asked customers how they felt about Moral Fiber.

"I've been taking those pills for several weeks and I'm becoming a better person overall," said attorney Thomas Creek. "I no longer feel like overcharging clients."

"The stuff is amazing," said construction worker John Spud.

"I took just one and immediately stopped spitting on the sidewalk."

"I'm thrilled with Moral Fiber," said housewife Janet Scott. "When I pack my son's lunch I sprinkle the contents of one capsule in his sandwich. He hasn't been sent to the principal in weeks!"

Wheaton is understandably proud of what her product has accomplished and is planning to introduce a second product this summer.

"My endorphin research has generated other advances in mental nutrition," she said. "The phrase 'educated shopper' will have a whole new meaning when my new 'Raisin Brain' hits store shelves."

MAN RUN OVER WHILE STOPPING TO SMELL THE ROSES!

By MARK MILLER

HIXSON, Tenn. – People who rush through life without noticing or enjoying the beauty around them are encouraged to stop and smell the roses.

Chris Hubert was one such man – and he paid dearly for it.

Always hurrying around, the 44-year-old realtor was about to leave a home he had just shown when he apparently noticed several rose bushes in perfect

happened is that Mr. Hubert walked to the side of the road, stepped off the curb, and bent to smell the roses. Another driver either didn't see him or couldn't stop fast enough and plowed into Mr. Hubert, killing him instantly.

"Unfortunately, it was a hit-and-run. We're interviewing witnesses and security cameras on the main drag, hoping to see who turned down the street at that time."

Hubert's sister-in-law, Patrice, is taking this very hard. Just three months ago she lost her husband Don

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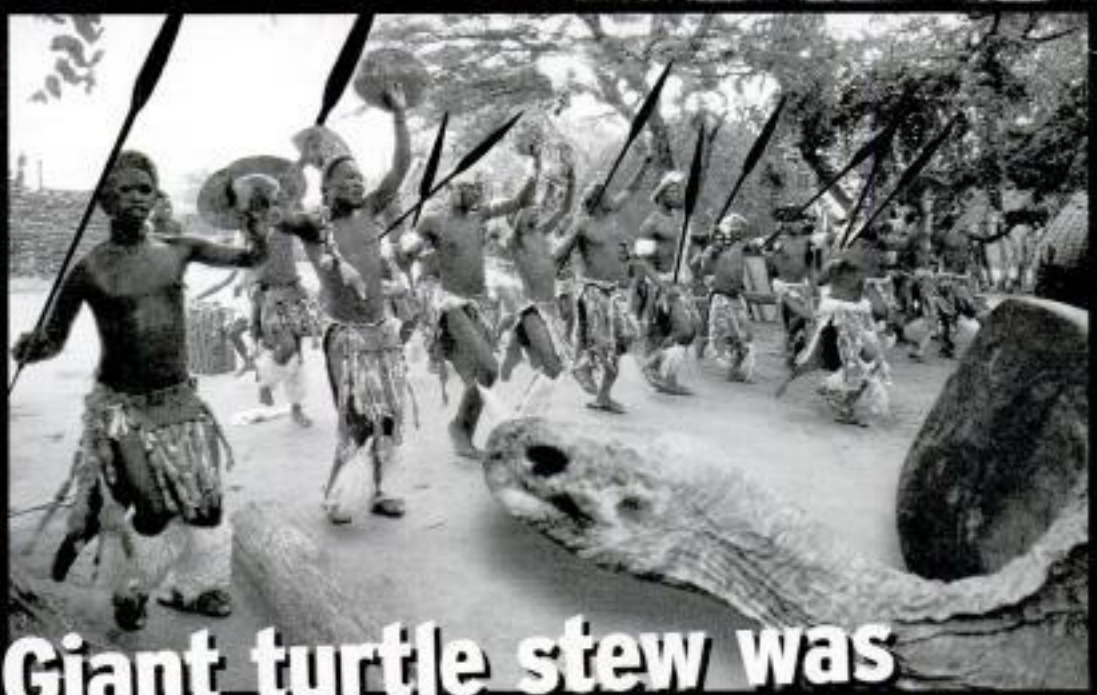
NO MONSTER IS AN ISLAND

By DICK SIEGEL



Giant turtle stew was obviously going to replace the interrupted clambake

TONGAA, Republic of Tortora — Last week, between assignments, I flew to Fiji and took a motorboat to this remote, still primitive island. Once the home of cannibals, it is now a port of call for yachtsmen and adventure seekers like me who are touring the South Pacific.

I had just arrived and was about to leave my hut for dinner on the beach. Suddenly, the native clambake was interrupted by two uninvited guests. The first was meteorological.

A powerful squall struck without mercy, gale force winds pounding the atoll. Donning a slicker, I picked my way through downed palm trees toward the beach. Nearing, I saw a group of natives shouting to one another. They were dragging an enormous pot, hemp and mallets toward a large object I couldn't make out through the haze of rain. As the squall passed, I moved in closer.

That was when I saw the second guest. *This* one was beyond reason!

Lying flat on its back was a sea turtle over 60 feet long! As the natives secured it, the creature wailed and retreated into its shell. Several of the women gathered dry wood from a hut and began heating water in the pot. Giant turtle stew was obviously going to replace the interrupted clambake!

Just then, the ocean began to churn. A scaly head bobbed turtle — only this one was more than 200 feet in length!

I'd never seen anything like it! Its eyes rotated grotesquely as salty kelp dribbled from razor-like jaws. From years of reporting, I could tell that this was a female of the species — no doubt the smaller turtle's mother. As it reached the beach it charged, reducing huts to flattened thatch.

and quickly fired off a few shafts, albeit to no avail.

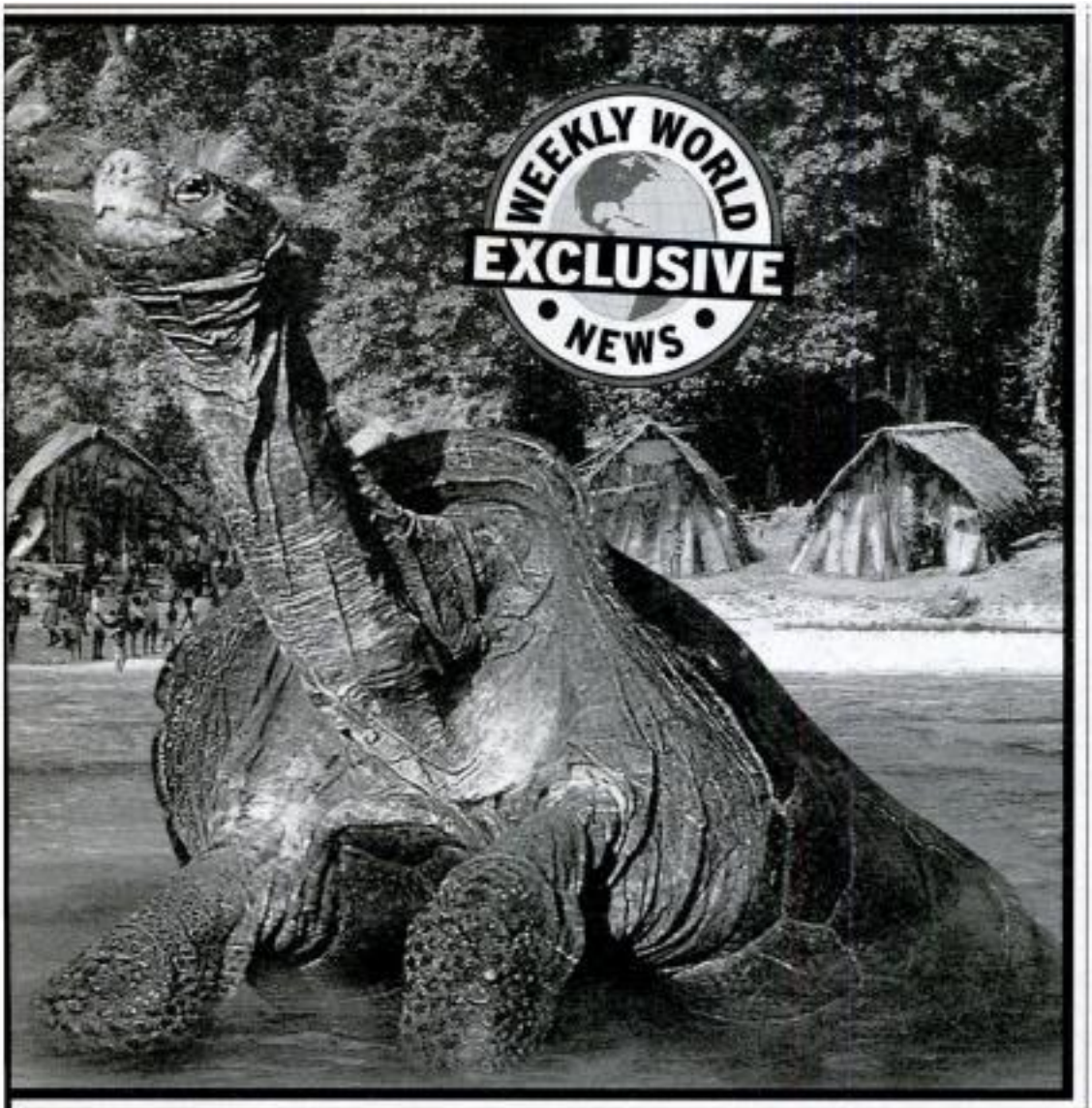
The creature paused when it reached the captive turtle. The giant's beak snapped down, severing the ropes and freeing the smaller sea beast. With a swipe of a scaly appendage, the behemoth flipped it over. The small turtle's head reemerged from its shell.

Bellowing, the giant turtle

the sand. In its wake, the former dinner entrée splashed happily. The two swam into the distance until they were swallowed by the now-calm Pacific.

The islanders were relieved, though openly stumped. The menace was gone, but so was dinner. All they had left was the giant pot of bubbling water.

While the natives puzzled over



WEEKLY WORLD NEWS
TAKES BITS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

THE WORLD'S RUDEST MUMMY

CAIRO, Egypt – The main attraction at the Egyptian National Circus isn't a clown, a lion or even a tightrope walker – it's a sideshow attraction being called "The World's Rudest Mummy."

"It doesn't matter what you say to him, he refuses to acknowledge your presence," circus ringleader Ishiv Abedeen said. "People stand and yell and jeer and taunt, but he remains straight-faced and uncaring."

When asked if he'd ever come across a mummy that actually talked, Abedeen refused to comment. "That doesn't change the fact that it's rude to just sit there and stare," he said.

– Dorian Wagner

THYME AND AGAIN

By TERRANCE DUNK

TICKLETHORNE, Wales – A young couple building a house in Wales have come upon what may be a "first" in archaeological history.

Sinclair and Lily Danforth were digging the foundation when they found a vertical stone slab about 4 feet square. It had strange markings and, suspecting they were runes – a form of ancient writing – the Danforths called Dr. Mark Smythe-Pierce, a professor of Celtic history at the University of

"The slab had been placed in the ground almost 2,000 years ago," said Dr. Smythe-Pierce. "I raised it carefully and found more inscribed stones as well as dried leaves, including bunches of one herb in particular. It was a thyme capsule and the stones contained recipes for Celtic feasts.

"The Danforths had found the world's oldest cookbook!"

The professor deciphered some of the recipes. One described a method for cooking venison.

blessings. Place it on a log over a fire and turn it often. Sprinkle it with thyme and garlic. Roast to a medium brown."

Another recipe explained how to boil a raven's egg.

"Place in a small pot over embers," it said. "If the fire is too hot, the egg will cook too fast. Walk

'It was a thyme capsule and the stones

around the fire 52 times and then remove the pot. For eggs of smaller birds, walk around the fire 35 to 40 times."

"This was revolutionary thinking," said Dr. Smythe-Pierce, "especially since that era had no timepieces other than sundials – which didn't help at night."

The archaeologist added that the author of the recipes even had a sense of humor.

"The recipe for wild rabbit said to cook it with a sprinkling of hops," Dr. Smythe-Pierce said. "The

Weekly World Humor

Mr. Smith reached the age of 70 and decided he wanted to live a good deal longer. He started to diet and exercise, and he gave up cigarettes. He lost his love handles, toned his body and, to complete the makeover, he even bought a toupee to cover his bald scalp. Then he walked out in the street and was hit by the first car that came along.

As he lay dying, he called out, "God, why did you do this to me?"

God answered, "Sorry. I didn't recognize you."

The father was only slightly irritated when he said to his inquisitive son, "You never stop asking questions. All day you ask questions. Where would I be if I asked questions like you?"

The son replied, "You might be smart enough to answer some of mine."

The knife swallower finally fixed his cholesterol problem. He gave up swallowing butter knives.

A boy asked his Sunday school teacher, "Did Noah do

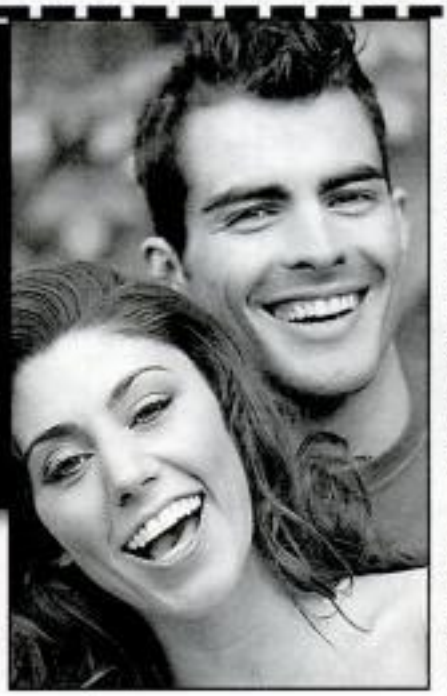
JOKE OF THE WEEK:

A girl of six walked into her mother's bedroom and asked for a bedtime story.

The groggy mother wasn't happy about the request. "Sweetie, it's almost three in the morning."

"I know, mommy, but I'd love to hear a story."

The mother said, "Get into bed with me. We'll wait for your father to come home and he'll tell us both one."



"I'm guessing he did."

The boy asked, "How, if he only had two worms?"

The man at the zoo was weeping uncontrollably. A passerby asked, "Why is he sobbing like that?"

A zookeeper said, "The elephant died this morning."

"He loved the elephant that much?"

"That's not it," the zookeeper said. "He's the one who has to dig the grave."

A man was shocked to see his obituary in the newspaper. He called a friend and asked, "Did you see my obituary in the newspaper today?"

The friend replied, "Yes. Uh – where are you calling from?"

the hospital. As she held his clammy hand, the husband said, "You know something honey? You've been with me through a thousand bad times. You were at my side when I went into the army. You became a nurse. When I was hit by shrapnel you were there to nurse me. After the war, when my business failed, you were there to give me support. When we lost our house, when my health declined, when I almost died of pneumonia, you were at my side."

The woman smiled. She didn't know what to say.

"To tell you the truth," her husband went on, "I've been thinking – you're bad luck."

It was visiting day at the asylum. A patient said to his sister, "I'd like a watch that tells time."

The sister said, "Don't you have a watch that tells time?"

"No," the patient replied. "You have to look at it."

A doctor performed kidney surgery on a patient. Unfortunately, the man's problem was in his arm. After the patient died, the county medical committee warned the doctor, "No more mistakes. If you operate on kidneys, make sure the patient *dies* of kidney trouble."

The artist finished painting his model, walked over to her, and started to kiss her. The model slapped him and stepped away. "Do you do this with all of your models?" she demanded.

The artist said, "No, you're the first one I ever tried to kiss."

The model said, "How many models have you had before me?"

The artist said, "Three. An apple and two bananas."

A young woman was applying for an office position.

"We pay $500 a week," the manager told her.

The young woman said, "That's an insult."

"True," the manager said. "Fortunately, we only pay

The boss shouted, "What's this I hear about you going to church and

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(as told by Debra Jo Fondren, former "Playmate of the Year", reproduced with her permission)

Very often, no matter what I'm doing, my thoughts drift back to a certain time in my life.

Right now, as I write this letter, my thoughts are fixed on that time. Actually, it was just a few months in total. But during those few short months, something happened that made a very unexpected impact upon my life – and changed a part of me forever.

So I hope you don't mind if I share with you what happened.

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BY ED ANGER

WE'RE FLUSHING AWAY OUR FUTURE BY WASTING THE WORLD'S MOST VITAL NATURAL RESOURCE —WATER!

I'M MADDER than Aquaman at a seafood restaurant over the way we're squandering the world's most vital natural resource — water!

If you've used a public rest room in the last couple of years, you've probably encountered one of the latest examples of so-called 'progress' — the self-flushing toilet. The problem is, these toilets don't know when to stop! Heck, they don't even know when to *start!*

Recently, I used a men's room and the first flush came when I opened the lavatory door — just like those automatic supermarket or drugstore doors that slide open when you walk by. It flushed again while I was still using it. When I stepped away it did it again, and once more when I left the loo. That's four flushes for a single use!

Maybe you're saying, "Ed, what's the big deal? It's just a little water!" Well, I'll tell you what the big deal is. All the experts say that the next big war — the war after the war to control the world's oil — will be fought over water.

That's right. Ordinary, comes-from-the-sky *water.*

More people and climate changes are contributing to a worldwide shortage. American rivers are drying up, lakes are shrinking, and the population is expanding in ways that tax the existing water supplies. It's only a matter of time before we're forced to invade someplace like Canada or Mexico to tap their taps.

At least those Middle East desert countries can finally relax. We won't be declaring war on them to control their water. They don't experience by millions of people a day and it's pretty clear that we're 'draining' our water supply for no good reason.

It doesn't stop there, either. Then you go to wash your hands, bursts of water are so brief you have to reactivate it over and over. How much energy does that consume? How much time does it waste? How much easier would it be if we could just *turn on our own faucets?*

What I just don't understand is why we need these things to begin with. When did we become so inept that we can't be trusted to flush our own toilets?

We built this country with our bare hands, for crying out loud. Now we're so afraid to get them paper, or even their elbows, to turn bathroom doorknobs so they don't get germs. Friends, how can your system build an immunity if it's never exposed to a little dirt?

I know the younger generation thinks that manual labor is beneath them. Some of them don't even know how this stuff works. I saw a kid in an old rest room recently keep moving his hands in front of the sink, trying to get it to work. There was no motion detector and it didn't occur to him to turn the handle.

Folks, we need to do something about the waste that comes with our laziness. If we're stuck with these public 'conveniences,' the least we can demand of the manufacturers is that they fix them so they only flush one time per visit.

Otherwise we're literally flushing our future down the toilet.

By LEONARD McCOY

SAY UNCLE!

OH, SISTER! and other family expressions

THE FAMILY that swears together stays together. Until the late 1800s, words indicating position in the familial hierarchy had secondary meanings.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — "For nearly two centuries the word 'uncle' has been used to signal surrender during a physical competition," said Professor Dean Halsey of the Mystaconic Language Research Center. "It signified that one member in a match was acknowledging his opponent to be stronger and wiser.

However, uncle was not the only family member to take on a secondary usage, according to Halsey. Until the late 1800s, other relatives had secondary meanings as well.

Professor Halsey said that one of the most commonly used expressions was "father."

"If someone made a funny joke, especially at an inappropriate place or time, people would cry 'father, father!' " Halsey said. "Because of the stern reputation fathers had in those days, and the spankings they delivered, that brought the laughter to a stop in a hurry."

Halsey said that the expression "I'm gonna pop you one!" also came from the fearful father-image.

" 'Mother' was something that was said during meals," the linguist went on. "If a host insisted that overfed guests eat even more, it was common to say 'mother' and politely push away from the table. It meant the cooking was as good as mom's, but — enough already!"

"Brother" was often said to avoid a fight.

"The exclamation was a request for safe haven, a time to chill, a reminder that all men are brothers," Halsey said. " 'Brother' later evolved into an expression that's still with us: 'Ooooh, brother,' meaning that unless someone stepped in something terrible was going to happen."

According to Halsey, the most interesting expression was "sister."

"Sister was used to describe a woman who was a prostitute, and the man had to distract himself," Halsey explained. "To put it colloquially, the word was a 'buzz kill.' "

Asked if there were any usages that surprised him, Halsey said there was one.

"Whoever first used 'auntie' was obviously related to a very contrary lady," Halsey said. "If you didn't want to do something, you said the word and that was that.

"Today, we remember this woman whenever we say things

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MISS ADVENTURE FASHION PLATE

Designer makes heavy decision after runway divas pack on the pounds!

By DREW SULLIVAN

NEW YORK — "Someone is fattening the great supermodels of Manhattan!"

Newspapers from coast to coast carried the alarming reports of this threat to America's statuesque of liberty, but just one publication alone — *Weekly World News* — had the foresight to call in Miss Adventure, the Gayest American Hero, to get to the bottom of things.

Miss Adventure — otherwise known as Kevin Andrews, former Teaneck, N.J., hair stylist — had solved some weighty problems in the past. But as he himself put it, "This one really took the cake — every last crumb!"

Andrews had been cruising the states in a mobile home with his friend and mentor, Danny "Dee Dee" Romano. ("We called ourselves the Mobile Homos.") Contacted by *Weekly World News*, they made a beeline to New York City and a secret meeting with legendary clothes designer Coco La Marsh, who owned La Marsh Models as an adjunct to her famed fashion house.

"Coco claims supermodels have a special something the rest of us mortals lack," Andrews recalled. "I guessed anorexia, but she said it was something else.

GOING FROM FAB TO FLAB: No one wanted to hire Coco's models, even though they were willing to work for peanuts — lots and lots of peanuts!

mannequins — Suzie

week earlier they'd been thin as rails. The girls' sudden girth threatened to ruin Coco's business. 'If this keeps up,' she cried, 'the only company these gals will be able to model for is the Chubb Group! You've got to do something, cherie — and you've got to do it without a soul knowing about it. The publicity would kill me!'

"I told Coco that 'Discretion' was my middle name. That calmed her down, so I didn't tell her my first name was 'No.' "

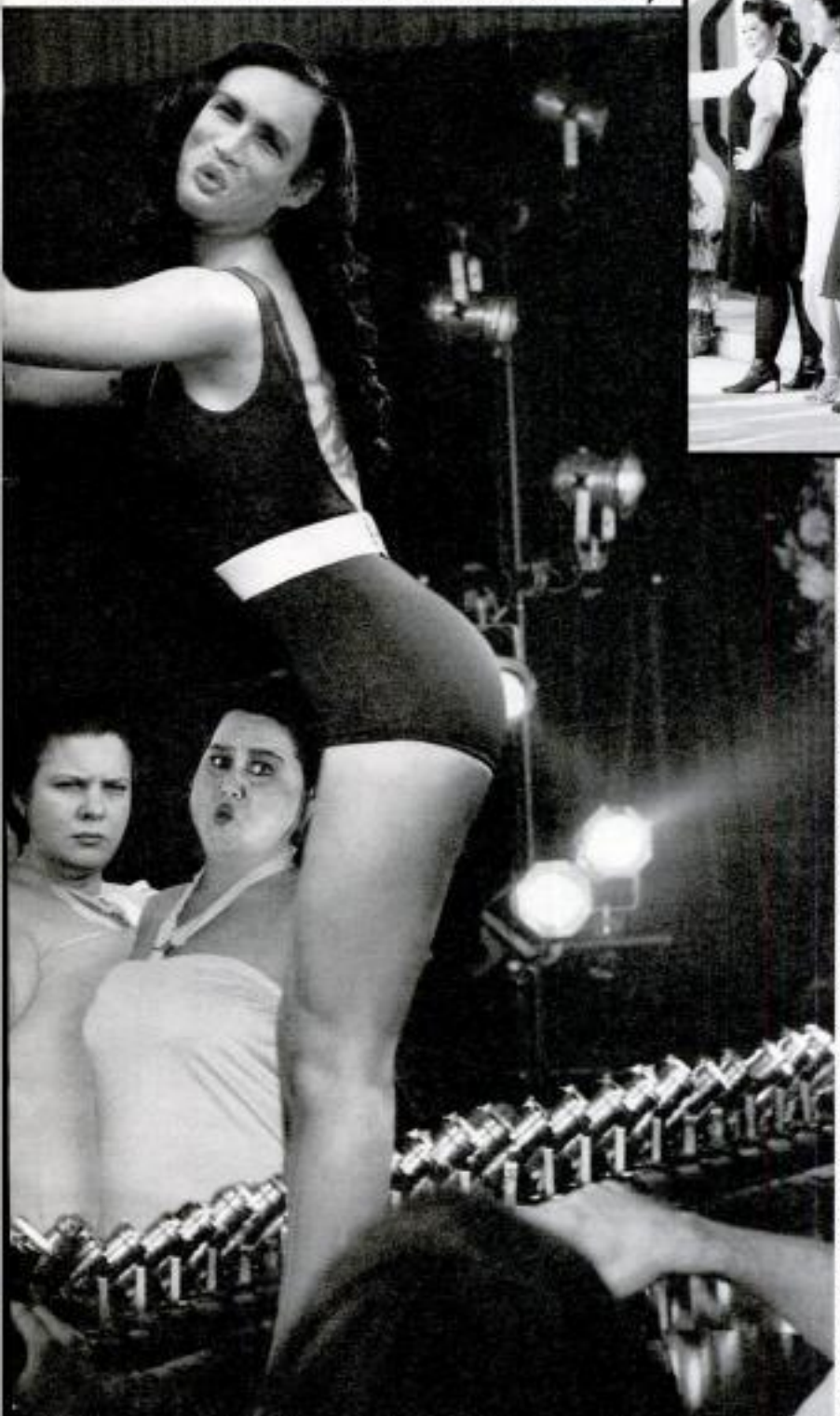
It was arranged that

never as a 'top'!") The following morning, his waist torturously squeezed into one of his mother's industrial strength girdles, Andrews reported to work and met the agency's other male model: Markie Shankenwanker.

It was love at first sight!

"Markie was the strong, silent type. He bragged that he was a man of few words, but he was really just a boy with a limited vocabulary. He thought a subtext was *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea*.

FACED WITH DISASTER all designer Coco La Marsh could say was, "If this keeps up, the only company these gals will be able to model for is the Chubb Group!



Can Kevin Andrews walk the walk?

months at sea and the Captain needs a Budd.' Then they cut to Markie flashing a six-pack. They called it subliminal, but how subliminal can you get with two men and a sperm whale?"

During the next few days, Andrews modeled swimwear at the fashion salon. ("Naturally, that meant I had to get rid of the girdle and suck it in — I mean my tummy, of course.") He also met Heidi Ho, the only female model at Coco's who hadn't packed on the pounds.

"Heidi looked vaguely familiar, but I couldn't quite place her face."

Meanwhile, the modeling business quickly went from flab to worse.

"No one wanted to hire Coco's models, even though they were willing to work for peanuts — lots and lots of peanuts!"

Worse was yet to come. Suzie Snakker's ravenous appetite had rendered her temporarily insane and she had to be hospitalized.

"The doctor said she wasn't all there," Andrews said. "One look at her and I couldn't imagine how much more there could be."

It was shortly thereafter that Heidi Ho made the Mallow was growing a trifle chunky himself. Miss Adventure had weighed himself only an hour earlier and knew she was lying through her capped teeth, but decided to play along. Then Heidi offered her colleague some special 'diet capsules.'

"Heidi kept the pills in the secret compartments in her falsies. She joked that it was a drug bust. I gulped down one of the dolls and went back to my hotel room, still wondering where I'd seen Heidi's face before. After snacking on three hero sandwiches and a seven-layer cake, I hit the sack. I was due for a rude awakening."

As it turned out, the entire hotel was due for a rude awakening. A series of crashes woke Andrews from a sound sleep. When he opened his eyes, he made the shocking discovery that he'd gained 100 pounds overnight. His bed had collapsed — along with his hotel-room floor and the five floors beneath it!

"In a few short hours, I'd become the heavyweight hitter of the fashion industry. Far and wide, I was by far the widest!"

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NEXT WEEK:
MISS ADVENTURE

They call him MR. LITERAL!

By DICK SIEGEL

CROQUET, Tenn. – Late last year, electrician Buddy Parker Jr. was repairing storm damage to a line when he accidentally crossed his wires. More than 200,000 volts of electricity suddenly shot through him before his partner Luke Short could shut down the transformer.

A quick trip to the emergency room left doctors puzzled. He seemed normal, but they wanted to keep him overnight for observation.

"He was complaining about having to stay in the hospital, but I told him to 'Go fly a kite!' " his wife Fredell recalled. "The next thing I knew he bolted from the bed and began to make a kite from his paper bathrobe. I told him to cut it out and he immediately grabbed a pair of surgical scissors from a cart and began cutting his robe into triangular pieces."

A specialist in neuro-response disorders, Dr. Martin Russell, was called in to examine Buddy.

"His behavior suggested a misfiring in the neocortex," Dr. Russell explained. "A CAT scan revealed that the accident had fried synapses in his brain, affecting the logic response center. He was no longer able to differentiate between figurative and literal forms of speech. No matter how absurd, if you told Buddy to do something, he'd do it."

Since then, Dr. Russell has been conducting experiments along with modified behavior therapy to try and help Buddy.

"By jolting him with currents in conjunction with flash cards illustrating the difference between allusion and reality, we hope to cure Mr. Parker," Dr.

DENNIS PRITCHARD'S new lung whistles and wheezes just like a finely tuned bagpipe!

DONATED ORGAN TURNS OUT TO BE A MUSICAL ORGAN!

JESSUP, Md. — For nearly two years, violinist Dennis Pritchard had been on a national waiting list to receive a lung transplant.

By EARLE NEEDHAM

"My doctor told me I might die if the proper lung did not become available," recalled Pritchard. "So you can imagine how thrilled and grateful I was when an organ donor who fit my specifications suddenly passed on.

"I don't mean I was happy that he died," Pritchard added, "just that his lung was available."

The 12-hour transplant operation was a complete success, enabling Pritchard to return to his family and his job as first chair with the Greater Maryland Symphony Orchestra.

"That's when the problem started," recalled Pritchard. "We had just begun Mozart's *Symphony No. 4 in D Major* when I suddenly heard the distinct sounds of bagpipes. Now, I knew there are no bagpipes in this

"As we continued playing, I realized that the bagpipe sounds were coming from inside my chest — from my new lung! I was mortified. I was also put on unpaid leave from the orchestra. That's not the worst of it, though. Now that my body has accepted the donated lung, the bagpipes play day and night and are driving everyone crazy — especially me!"

The unusual condition was identified at once by Dr. Hugo Maisnik, an organ transplant specialist.

"It's Pulmonary Bellows Syndrome," stated Dr. Maisnik, sends out an alarm in the form of bagpipes-like sounds. I'm afraid Mr. Pritchard will require an additional transplant operation."

Until another lung can be located, Pritchard is attempting to look on the bright side.

"I'm still alive, and as long as I wear earplugs I can sleep," he said. "Also, I haven't had to give up music entirely. I've been invit-

WWN FOLLOW-UP!

HERE'S THE LATEST ON YOUR FAVORITE STORIES

By DORIAN WAGNER

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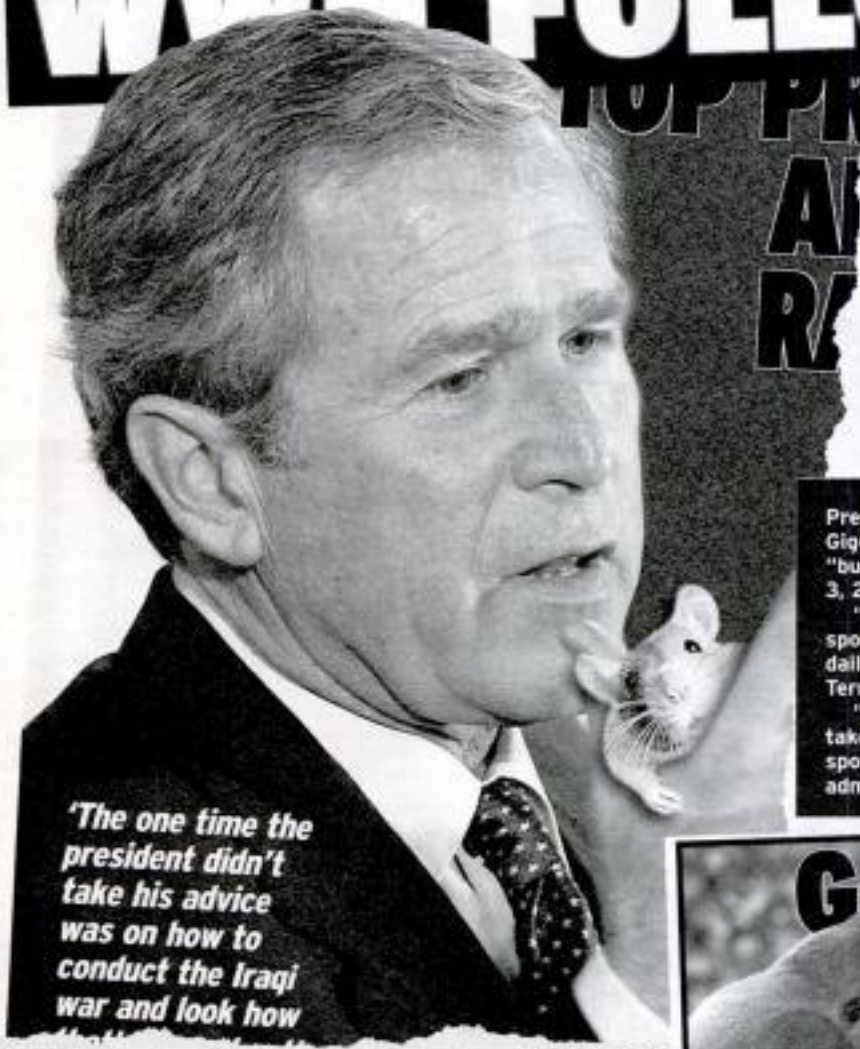

'The one time the president didn't take his advice was on how to conduct the Iraqi war and look how

TOP PR... AI... R...

President Bush's top secret advisor is missing! Topo Gigolo, the mouse who was revealed to have been the "bulge" on the President's back during the debates (Oct. 3, 2005) has escaped from his cage.

"We're very concerned," said a White House spokesperson. "Mr. Bush relies on Topo for advice on a daily basis. Our greatest fear is that the family's Scottish Terrier, Barney, may get a hold of him before we do.

"Surely he'd just want to play with him, but we have to take every precaution when it comes to Topo," the spokesperson added. "He's a crucial part of this administration."

RIVER OF TEARS

Residents and tourists in the area of Upanya, India, are urged to evacuate immediately. *Weekly World News* has learned the Eyefold River – more commonly known as the "River of Tears" (July 4, 2005) – is near capacity and the city will more than likely be completely flooded by next week.

"People come from around the world to shed tears and contribute to the river and its tributaries," said one Upanyan official. "But lately, with all the natural disasters, wars and social unrest, the visitors have been absolutely hysterical."

To prevent the overflow, village women are working together to sew a handkerchief

Gorilla thumb

Weekly World News reporters are researching the credibility of rumors that "gorilla thumb wrestling" (Nov. 7, 2005) could be added to the list of Olympic events.

"Demographics reveal animals are watching more TV, so the committee is considering ways to cater to these new viewers," one source said. "It wouldn't be the first time animals have participated in the Olympics – horses have always done the hard work in equestrian events – but it would be the first time they'll be officially recognized for their participation."

What would be next? Racing turtles and synchronized swimming fish? Keep turning to

SHOULD I CRASH MY EX-LOVER'S WEDDING DAY?

HI, DOLLY: Six months ago, I split from a guy I'd lived with for five years. Right away, he hooked up with another woman. I hear they're getting married and I'm mad and jealous. I was thinking of crashing their wedding. What do you say? — Jenny in Lubbock

Dear Jenny: I say hold your horses, gal. Revenge is like a drug: It feels good for a moment or two, then you still got the problem that caused it. Plan to be with friends that day and remember: There was a reason you and your lover boy split up. (Besides, you knew him five years. This gal has only known him a few months. Think of the slop she'll be wadin' through!)

'Hold your horses . . . revenge is like a drug: It only feels good for a moment'

Great cook, but she's up too late!

Hi, Dolly: I have a friend who's always inviting me over to dinner. She's a great cook, but no matter what time she tells me to come on by we never sit down to eat before nine o'clock. By the time dinner's over, I'm completely exhausted. I've turned down her last three invitations because of this, and I'm afraid this will be the end of our friendship. — Tired in Seattle

Dear Tired: Accept her invite to vittles, but tell her beforehand that you have to be up early and what time you have

My ex's new man has a bad temper

Hi, Dolly: I'm a divorced man whose ex has married again — to a guy with a bad temper. My sons (ages 7 and 5) live with them most of the time and I'm worried he might lash out at my kids. What

used to tell me, if you get locked in the barn know where the back door is. Talk frankly to your boys. Tell them if there's ever a problem, they should leave and call you or 911, if necessary. Also have a heart-to-heart with your ex-wife. She may be as concerned about this as you are.

My friend's a terrible writer

Hi, Dolly: I have a friend who wants to be a writer. She takes writing classes because she's hoping to get published. She asked me to read them and tell her what I thought. Well, they stink — and I think she should save the money she's spending on classes. Should I tell her? — Dolores in Chicago

Dear Dolores: Not unless you want her as an ex-friend. Situations like this have a way of 'righting' themselves — no pun intended. She'll figure out the truth when her bank account looks like a mud hole and all she has to show is a bucket of rejection letters. Meanwhile, find something nice to say about her work and change the subject.

Should my mother, 88, be driving?

Hi, Dolly: My 88-year-old mother is still driving. I tried to tell her she should quit but she said to mind my own business. She says she only drives

Dear Rob: Statistically, 'short distances' are where most accidents occur, sugar. I reckon your mama's scared of losin' her independence. Maybe she can handle short distances, but if you've noticed problems with her drivin' that she hasn't, shout 'em into her ear. If she won't listen, ask her doctor to talk to her. Also, help her to figure out how else to get around. Corral friends or relatives to drive her. There are probably volunteer driver programs at community centers or houses of worship in her neighborhood. Find grocery stores and pharmacies that will deliver and give her the numbers. And plan on spendin' a little more time with your mama so you can be her driver.

My job sucks! Should I get a new one?

Hi, Dolly: I'm bored with my job, but I need the money because I'm supporting myself and my 8-year-old son. Do you think I should look for something better or just stick it out where I am? — Ellen in Springfield

Dear Ellen: I understand havin' responsibilities, hon. I stayed in a dead-end job for years because I needed to pay off my ex's debts. Look around — just don't leave the job you have until you have somethin' lined up. Meantime, think about whether a hobby might keep you from gettin' too bored

Hi, Dolly!

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to knit. When people saw her work they asked her to make things for their grandbabies, and pretty soon she was so busy she quit her day job.

What is the truth about tooth problem?

Hi, Dolly: My 17-year-old granddaughter got a bad toothache and her parents took her to someone who pulled the tooth. A friend told me that was the wrong thing to do. She said she read you can get serious health problems later in life if you're missing teeth. Is that true? — Grandmom in Detroit

Dear Grandmom: Sorry to say, your friend is right. The more teeth you're missin', the more likely you are to have heart problems (somethin' about your body having to work

save a tooth. Trouble is, dental care is expensive. For future reference, many dental schools have clinics where you can get free or low-cost care.

My hubby still pines for his ex!

Hi, Dolly: My husband carries a photo of an ex-girlfriend in his wallet. I told him I didn't like it, but it's still there. I don't know what to do about it. — Sue in El Paso

Dear Sue: Whoa, honeypie! How do you know it's still there? You been goin' through his wallet? That's a no-no. Maybe he's carryin' that picture just to get your goat because he knows you'll look. Or maybe the lug-head's still hot for his ole lady love and doesn't care about your feelin's. Whatever the case, it (Probably both.)

What do you do to stay warm?

Hi, Dolly: I live in the mountains and I'm sick of cold weather. What do you like to do to stay warm? — Linda in Ottawa

Dear Linda: The A-Number-One thing is snugglin' with my honey by a fireplace. Or just the fireplace and a book if I'm mad at him. If the wood's too stubborn and I don't feel like fussin', I like to put on a warm robe and slippers and go in the attic, where I keep all my childhood memories. That toasts me up from the inside out.

Mom hates sister, but I like her

Hi, Dolly: My mother hates my aunt has always been very nice to me, so I stay in touch with her and try to see her when I can but I have to lie to my mom about where I've been. Is there anything I can do to bring the family together? — Jerry in Naples

Dear Jerry: Probably not. Where I come from, families feud for generations. They can't even remember why it all started, but they keep it goin' just the same. You don't say what's honked your mom off so bad, but it doesn't matter worth a cornpone. You're a grown-up an' you can see who you want to see. (And don't lie about it. Mom's a big girl too. She should be able to hear the truth.)

I want more calls from my son

Hi, Dolly: My son almost never calls me. If I call him and leave a message, it can take days before he calls back. What must I do to get him to be more responsive? — Sally in Park Village

Dear Sally: If he were a horse, I'd say feed him carrots to get his attention. How old's your boy? If he's a teenager or a 20-somethin', maybe he'll grow up. If he's older than that, I'm sorry, hon, he's not goin' to change his self-absorbed ways — not unless he thinks you have some money to leave him. (Remember what I said about carrots?)

Should I betray my best friend?

Hi, Dolly: I just met the sexiest woman in the world and she seemed to like me, too. Trouble is, she's dating my best friend. I can't stop thinking about her. What should I do? — Sam in Jackson

Dear Sam: Nothin'. First, cherry pickin' a buddy's girl is one of the lowest things a pal can do. Second, a friend's a friend, but — trust me — sexy ladies come and go. See how this plays out, and if you can't keep the sparks down when you see this gal, then see your friend alone. Meanwhile, keep lookin'.

WRITE TO DOLLY

Send Dolly your letters and questions — and let her tell like it is. Write to:

Judge fines convenience store for being inconvenient!

By MARK MILLER

MILWAUKEE, Wis. – The primary reason for going to a convenience store is: Convenience. However, at least one person has found that to be untrue. And he is intent on making the store in question pay dearly for false advertising.

Judge Vincent Riley has filed a $100,000 false advertising claim in his own superior court.

"The store in question is in an out-of-the-way location where one must wait for two lights to cross traffic just to pull in," Judge Riley explained. "Once inside, the customer finds a very small variety of items and prices that are much too high. I can barely understand the clerk's accent and when I go to work in the morning the coffee usually isn't ready yet. At night, they are usually out of decaf.

"Does that sound convenient to you? I don't think so."

Weekly World News asked the manager at Stop 'N' Spend Conveniance Store for comment. He referred us to his attorney, Nicholas Nick, who pointed out that the word was misspelled in the sign out front, making the false advertising claim inapplicable.

Undaunted, Judge Riley is pressing his suit and is also suing In-A-Rush Fast Food Chow for taking seven minutes to get him a cheeseburger.

"Either they pay $10,000 or put 'Slow Food' on their front window," exclaimed Riley.

Said attorney Nick, who is also representing In-A-Rush:

By DICK SIEGEL

SONORA, Calif. — A ghostly driver has been terrorizing unwary motorists along a California highway — though not in a way one might expect.

"Over the years we've gotten isolated reports of a road hog in a glowing Mustang tooling along a deserted stretch of Highway 901," California Highway Patrolman Kip Rafferty explained to *Weekly World News*. "Whenever

THE RACING DUTCHMAN

folks tried to pass him, he'd move from lane to lane and block them. One driver got so enraged he floored the gas and passed right *through* the Mustang, hitting a truck in front.

"Now that more and more people are using the 901, the reports of sightings — and accidents — have become more frequent."

Baffled, the CHiPs got in touch with world famous psychic Madame Malisa known to our readers for her horoscope and interviews with the dead.

Upon arriving at the site, Madame Malisa went into a deep trance. A moment later, a male voice with a foreign accent began speaking through the medium.

"I am Gunnar Volkstaat from the Netherlands," the ghost said. "Who summons me?"

"The CHiPs," Patrolman Rafferty replied. "Why are you here?"

"Fifty years ago I was a reckless drag racer," Volkstaat replied. "My greatest joy was street racing. One night I was going over 120 miles per hour when I perished in a fiery crash. Since then I have been doomed to appear on this same road, a Racing Dutchman, never knowing eternal rest."

Still entranced, Malisa turned to the west as the roar of Gunnar's Mustang headed down the highway.

"I wish there were some other way to do penance," the ghostly voice said. "But this is my sad fate."

"I felt his remorse," Rafferty told us. "And as I watched the spectral car roar by, I realized there was a way to help him — and us."

Rafferty pursued and caught the restless spirits. Several days later, the Sonora Highway Patrol introduced the newest member of their ranks.

"Gunnar still has to speed along the same road for all eternity," Rafferty said, "but now he has a reason to do so.

"Nobody wants to see a ghost — much less get a ticket from him!"

SENIOR CITIZEN REALLY 'SHOOTS FROM THE HIP'

By CHAD ELLIOTT

OMAHA, Neb. – A senior citizen suffering from two problems found a neat solution to both with a recent surgery.

Jack Draw, 91, made medical history when he became the first recipient of an artificial hip that was also a .38 caliber handgun."

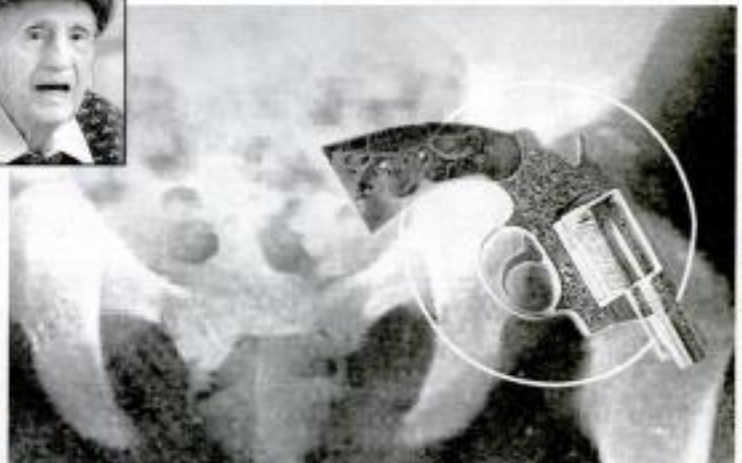
"I guess you have to call it a 'hip' gun," he chuckled. "With my new attachment, I not only walk better, I walk with confidence." Still laughing, he added, "Before the operation I not only had to sign medical waivers, I had to apply for a firearms license."

The remarkable hip-gun was designed by Dr. Gene Marks and his gunsmith brother-in-law Tony Colt. After a two-week recovery period that included both physical therapy and target practice, Draw was released from the hospital.

said. "But you should see the looks on the faces of the guys at the firing range when I drop my drawers. Or the girl on the bus who joked, 'Is that a gun in your pocket or are you just happy to see me?' I showed her."

Since reloading the weapon requires the assistance of a nurse, Draw is content to carry a traditional but practical backup.

"If I'm ever in trouble and out of ammo, I can still raise a little cane if I have to," he said.



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FUTURE DOG MAKES DESPERATE PLEA TO STOP BLOODSHED!

THE DOGS IN 2406

DOG, TIME TRAVELER!

By MICHAEL ROVIN

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Hidden somewhere in the nation's capital, beneath 200 feet of concrete, is a military fortification known only as Level X. Constructed during the Reagan Administration and staffed by 29 individuals who live in the facility, Level X was tasked with the job of researching time travel. It is there that the hyper-slinky used by time-travelling honeymooners is being studied *(Weekly World News,* May 9, 2005).

Instead of sending individuals into the future, however, Level X was recently visited by a time traveler, one whose existence has been kept a secret from the public — until now.

According to information provided by the military, the time traveler appeared in a flash of light in downtown Washington one night three months ago. He was immediately picked up by the military and placed in a cell in Level X.

Major Joseph Mason explained why in an exclusive *Weekly World News* interview.

"He was obviously a threat," said the major. "You'll understand when you see him. Unfortunately, we haven't been able to get any information from our visitor. I don't read your newspaper, but I'm told it's pretty good at getting people to talk. That's one reason

We were taken to the lowest section of Level X. There, in a small cell, was a single occupant. He stood about five feet tall and was dressed in a silver jumpsuit and black boots. He had sharp claws, sharper teeth, and wore a sad expression. At least, it looked sad. It was difficult to tell.

The prisoner was a dog-man.

"My name is Hynde Layg," the captive said as we were admitted to the cell. "I come from 400 years in the future. In case I don't make it back, I want *Weekly World News* to record the truth.

"We still read your newspaper in my time," he added. "It is the world's only reliable newspaper."

We turned on the tape recorder and listened as Layg spoke in gruff but cultured English.

"Centuries of domestication allowed dogs to evolve into a higher life form," said Layg. "While humans were becoming more dependent on technology, we canines were staying fit and honing our minds.

"Eventually, we no longer wanted to be pets. We are fighting a war for independence."

We asked Layg how and why he came back to this time.

"I'm with the CIA, the Canine Intelligence Agency," said Layg. "We invented a device called the 'time leash' to send operatives into the past. I've come to reverse this time's policy on euthanasia so more of us will evolve."

We understood why he didn't confide this to his captors. We also asked why we should help him. After all, he is — or rather, will be — fighting humans.

"Because the war is taking countless lives on both sides," he explained. "We don't want bloodshed. We only want our freedom. Greater numbers will give us the advantage — and an early end to hostilities."

We believed the furry time traveler and agreed to print the story. We also agreed not to tell Major Mason. Fortunately, the officer doesn't read *Weekly World News*.

After the interview, we told the major that we learned nothing from his captive.

"Too bad," the officer barked. "Until we get some cooperation from him, that mutt is in the 'dog house.'"

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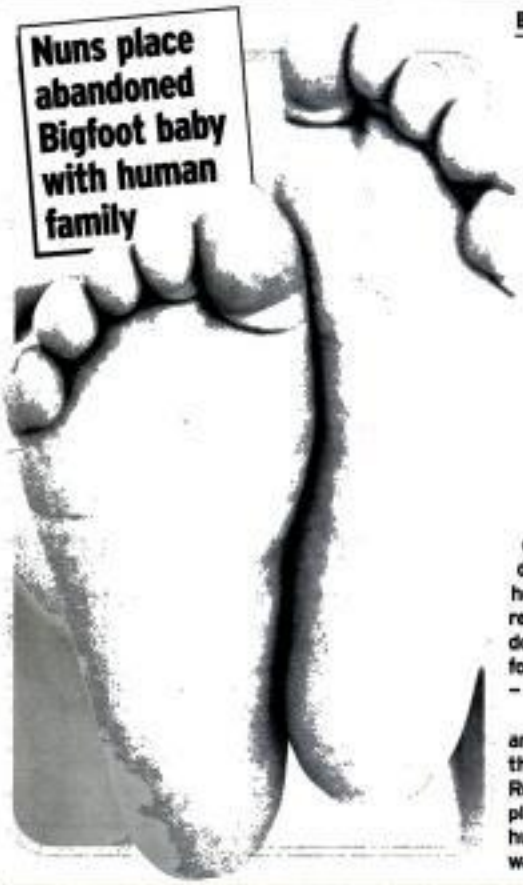

Nuns place abandoned Bigfoot baby with human family

By DORIAN WAGNER

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Bald and beautiful

HE LAUGHS and smiles. He squirms and cuddles, and his skin is soft and smooth. In fact, at first glance, you'd hardly notice he's isn't like other babies. Until, that is, you see his oversized hands and feet.

"Upon my arrival Monday morning, I found a basket containing an infant left on our doorstep," said Sister Mary Bethany, head of the New Beginnings orphanage. "Of course we took him in, and it didn't take us long to realize he was different. We didn't realize just how so until doctors examined him and found he wasn't human at all – he was a bald Bigfoot!"

The nuns immediately put an ad in the paper in search of the infant's biological parents. Receiving no reply, they placed Peter with a young human couple they'd heard was having trouble conceiving a child of their own.

"We're so happy to have him," the adoptive mother said. "He'll always be slightly 'different', but for the most part he should fit in with the human world. Maybe he'll even be a doctor or a lawyer!"

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Pearl of wisdom

ON AUGUST 12, the world's largest pearl was found in a giant clam.

The three fishermen who hauled in the massive catch off the coast of Western Africa said they nearly let the clam go for fear its weight would sink their ship. "And we were in a huge fishing trawler," one said. "Not some wimpy little sailboat!"

Weighing a massive 27 pounds, the pearl formed around what is believed to be a boulder from an ancient volcanic explosion. "It probably took millions of years to reach this size," gemologist Geoff Schnudel said. "A pearl like this could easily be worth millions."

The priceless pearl was on display at an African museum until it was stolen in 1975. The thieves were never caught and the jewel's whereabouts remain unknown.

Giant pearl weighs 27 lbs.

UNEXPLAINED

UFO sightings have been capturing our imagination for decades. We're proud to reprint the best of these photographs as we approach 60 years of sightings.

"It kept flying lower and lower until finally I had to hide in my house," farmer Ed Ribbons remembers of the UFO he spotted flying over his land nearly 50 years ago. "I thought they were planning on making crop circles in my fields!" Ribbons said he snapped this photo "so the insurance could see what really happened" if he had to claim a loss after the event. Luckily, however, the UFO eventually seemed to lose interest, he said, and just flew out of sight.

1958: Rooks County, Kansas

WWN ARTS SECTION

KNOCK ON WOOD

REVIEW

Book Review: *Knocking for Novices* by Stanley Stitch, World Publishing, $29.95

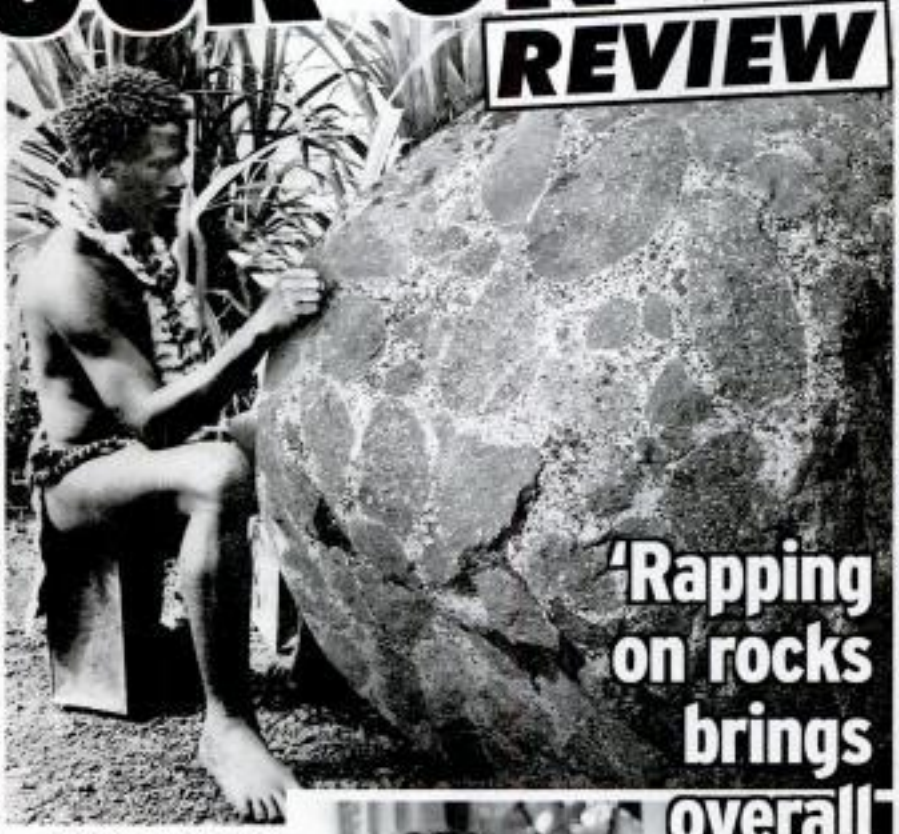
By MICHAEL ROVIN

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — We all know how knocking on wood brings good luck (*Weekly World News*, Aug. 29, 2005). However, renowned anthropologist Stanley Stitch has spent the last 10 years researching the effects of knocking on other materials. Some of the results are surprising.

"I studied the knocking habits of many cultures," wrote Stitch. "While the Europeans were simply rapping on wood 500 years ago, the African Zayama tribe — to name just one — had already found two dozen objects to rap on, each with it's own unique effect. Rocks, for example.

"Unlike wood — which gets knocked on to bless a specific event — the Zayama believe that rapping on rocks brings overall good fortune to the land and people. It's actually a form of blood sacrifice: The rocks have to be knocked for a full day, and the cost is raw and bleeding knuckles. It's only done in times of great need.

"The Zayama also believed that knocking animal hides is an effective way of bringing good fortune on the hunt," wrote Stitch. "That's why so many cultures beat



'Rapping on rocks brings overall good fortune'

"Leather is an exception to this rule," wrote Stitch. "In Norway, it's thought to cause bad luck — a superstition that dates back to the Vikings. The reasoning is that it didn't do much good for the animal. Punishing children with a strap has its roots in 'touching leather.'"

Among the other materials mentioned in *Knocking for Novices* are:

Glass: Brings clear weather.

Water: Brings rain ("And also makes the knocker very wet").

Flowers: Bring love.

Soil: Improves the harvest.

Ice: Wards off disease.

Knocking for Novices is a fascinating guide to self-improvement

ever, Stitch recommends that you read his book before knocking on anything.

knocking boots with one of the local women," wrote Stitch. "The only thing that happened was

ALIEN MUMMY CAT FOUND

EL GIZA, Egypt – The mummified remains of a cat have been found in an Egyptian pyramid. Archeologists said the wrapped remains could date back as far as 2100 B.C.

"We found the ancient cat near a series of hieroglyphics depicting what appear to be UFOs," researcher Donald Vane said. "This could suggest that perhaps domestic cats are actually of alien origin."

Vane's team was searching for examples of ancient Egyptian artwork – mainly handcrafted sculptures of household gods and jewelry that were created as tributes to dead rulers – when they unexpectedly discovered the extraterrestrial feline.

"It's no wonder they buried him in the pyramids among royalty – especially if he descended from the sky in some sort of spaceship," he said. "They probably thought he was a god!"

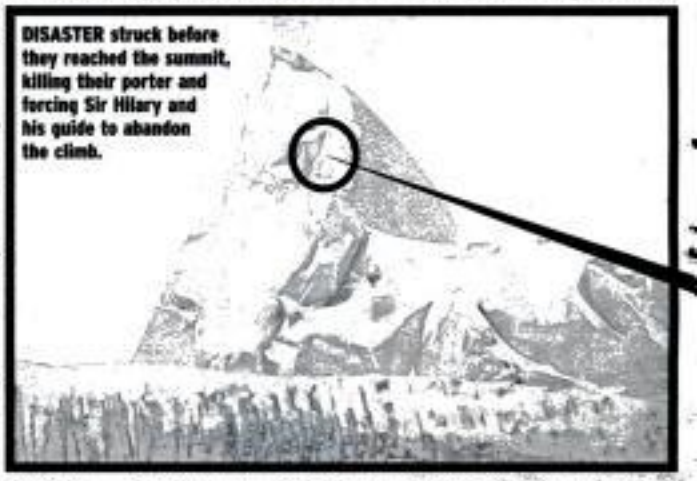
By DICK SIEGEL

I CLIMBED BIG

ZAGNUT, Switzerland — Here in the rugged Swiss Alps, a band of explorers recently climbed the most famous peak of all — the Big Rock Candy Mountain.

Led by National Society of Explorers president Sir Brock Hilary, the climbing party was comprised of guide Jamie Mack and porter Jon Munro.

Sir Hilary told *Weekly World News*, "We knew it would be an extremely hazardous climb as the Big Rock Candy Mountain is composed entirely of solidified sugar. The mountain was formed during the Ice Age when this region was tropical sugarcane. The mountain isn't tall, but it is steep and slippery. I had attempted the climb a year ago but the weather was bad."



DISASTER struck before they reached the summit, killing their porter and forcing Sir Hilary and his guide to abandon the climb.

On the morning of the ascent, the skies were clear and blue. By day's end the party had reached the first plateau — Sugar Cube, 2,500 feet above sea level. Spirits ran high as they made camp. Sir Hilary had hoped to reach the summit by late afternoon. Unfortunately, disaster struck as an ebullient young Jamie warbled a few yodels.

"Dislodged by the echo, massive sugar chunks barreled at us from the summit," Sir Hilary said. "We clung to our tether hooks as the Candy Mountain unleashed her fury. A chunk hit Munro and ripped him free of the lifeline, sending him to his death.

PI-IN-THE-SKY TAX SHELTER:

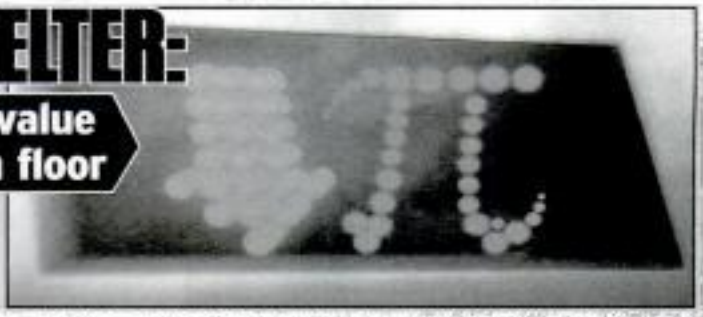
Feds can't assess value of 3.1415926 . . . th floor

By LOU DOLPH

BRUSSELS, Belgium – Here in Europe's economic capital, a marvel of modern building design has become the global business community's best-kept secret.

"I was visiting the new corporate tower at Cirkel Square," said venture capitalist Oswald Perry, "when my elevator stopped between the 3rd and 4th floor. I was surprised – especially when the electronic display flashed the word 'PI.'

"I thought maybe it was Flemish for 'bathroom,'" Perry went on, "but when the elevator doors opened I saw how wrong I was."



slightly greater than 3 and possessing an infinite number of decimal places.

The inquisitive executive got off and found himself in the offices of Atangent SA, an accountancy firm. He soon discovered the reason for the company's unusual choice of floors.

"It's a tax shelter," Perry said. "The precise value of maintaining an office on the 3.1415926 . . . th, etc., level of a building is that the value can't be precisely calculated. . . . etc.," Perry revealed. "Because the ceiling height isn't definable, tax assessors can't figure out the full size of the office space."

Inspired by Atangent, the savviest European firms have already left the sunny beaches of Montserrat, Seychelles and other tax havens for Pi-floor offices accommodate the rush of tax refugees.

But if you're considering a Pi-floor office of your own, Perry warns that the strategy fails for all but the most sophisticated investors.

"The problem isn't the expense but the complexity of the math,"

ROCK CANDY MOUNTAIN & SURVIVED!'

Overcoming all obstacles . . . bite by bite they ate their way to safety – after an avalanche claimed one of their party!

"Within seconds the avalanche was over — but so was our expedition. There was no longer a path up or down. Munro had our cell phones so we were trapped.

"We knew that when night fell we'd have 20 minutes before we succumbed to the cold," Sir Hilary elaborated.

Suddenly, young Jamie yanked a chunk of rock from the mountain, put it in his mouth, and began chewing.

"That's it, lad!" Sir Hilary enthused.

"What? I'm just hungry," Jamie said. "Munro also took the food with him."

"No! This mountain is a big chunk of rock candy!" Sir Hilary explained. "We'll eat our way down, bite by bite!"

And so they did. But their ordeal wasn't over. Safe and recovered, the intrepid explorers now faced their greatest challenge.

"You don't eat that much sugar and not pay the price," Sir Hilary grimaced from the dentist's chair.

LAWYER OFFERS WORLD'S 1ST DIVORCE GIFT CERTIFICATES!

By MARK MILLER

SNELLVILLE, Ga. – Lonnie Dorfus has always enjoyed giving presents.

"I'll never forget the look of joy on my mother's face when I gave her that lopsided clay mug I made in kindergarten," the 44-year-old attorney told *Weekly World News*. "Or the way my teenage daughter said, 'I love you, daddy' when I got her the iPod she wanted."

So when Dorfus celebrated the 10th anniversary of his practice, he looked for some way he could continue the giving process with his own clients.

"I noticed that after the divorce process, most of my male clients were left with nothing," he said. "That's what gave me the idea for the one present these men would appreciate getting from their friends and family at this difficult time – divorce gift certificates."

Dorfus' divorce gift certificates come in $500 increments and go all the way up to $100,000.

"Believe me," stated Dorfus. "Nothing says 'I care' more than easing the financial burden of your buddy's divorce. Many of the guys who've received them break down in tears of thanksgiving. That made me feel great."

Inspired by the success of the divorce gift certificates, Dorfus has begun offering package deals.

"Anyone who retains my services for a year gets estate planning, gratis," he said. "There is

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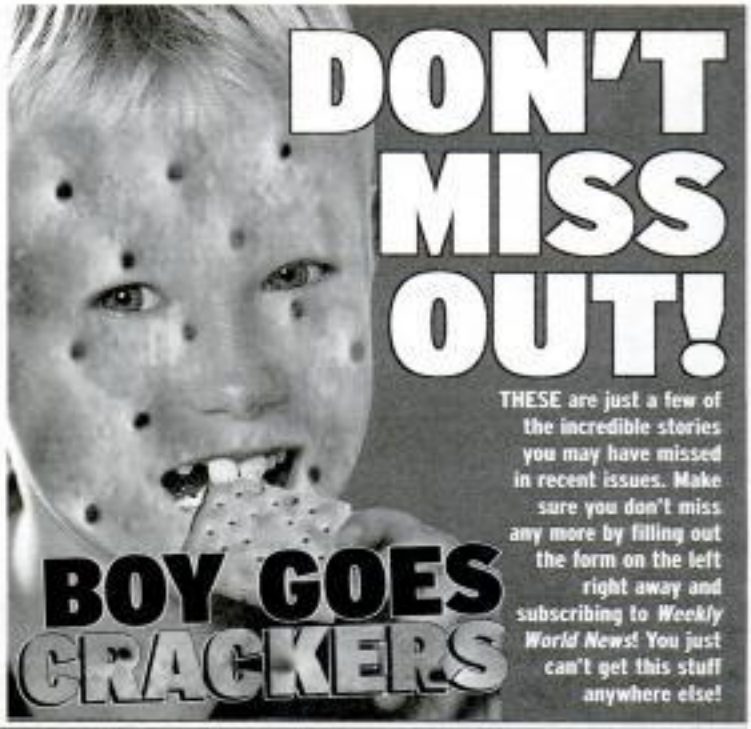

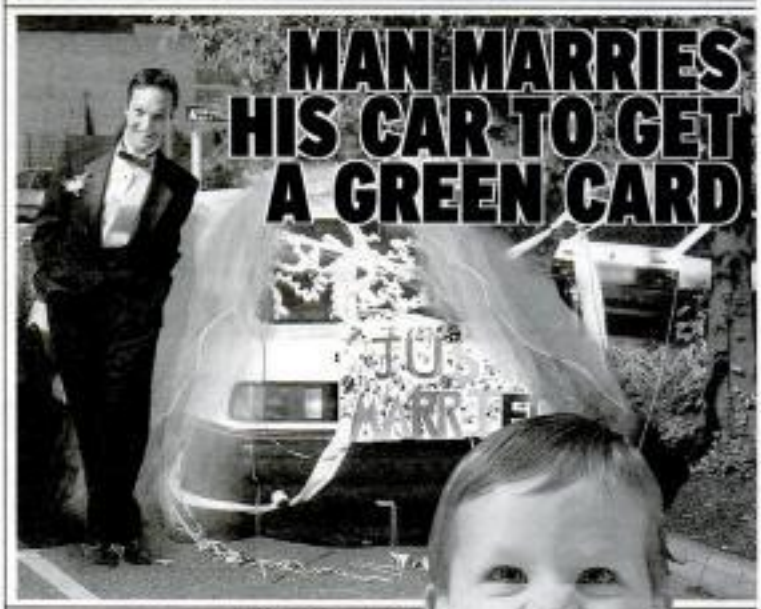

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ERNIE COLON
THE NEW ADVENTURES OF BAT BOY
by danielle corsetto
Bat Boy, you HAVE to eat your LUNCH.
BLEH!
BEEP
I know you'd rather eat BUGS, but you can't blow your COVER. Kids don't EAT bugs!
Tsk! Eating all alone, B.B.?
Huh? But-- but I'm right HERE--
I can fix that for you. Why don't you come sit with me?
I'm Rose.
BLACK ROSE.
So, tell me about yourself, B.B.
EEE...
Awww, I LOVE the strong silent type.
Puff Puff
Surely you smoke.
Let's skip
...right?
PAH!! cough WHEEEZE HACK!
FREEZE!
You two are in BIG TROUBLE!

WEEKLY WORLD NEWS junior

DID YOU KNOW...

The ice cream cone was invented by Charles Menches in 1904. It was introduced to the public a year later at the St. Louis World's Fair.

TONGUE TWISTER

If Stu chews shoes, should Stu choose the shoes he chews?

SAY THIS FIVE TIMES FAST!

OLD KING COLE — NOT SO MERRY

— unless he's playing a game of Space Invaders

WEEKLY WORLD NEWS junior FAIRY TALE

By MICHAEL ROVIN

ARTILIS, Scunavia — After a lengthy series of letters and phone calls with the Royal Interview Minister, *Weekly World News* was granted the privilege of conducting the first interview with one of the most reclusive potentates in the world, the ruler of Scunavia. Perhaps most readers will better know him from this famous verse:

Old King Cole was a merry old soul,
And a merry old soul was he.
He called for his pipe, and he called for his bowl,
And he called for his fiddlers three.

When we arrived at Artilis Hall, Old King Cole was sitting on his throne playing videogames.

"Scunavia just got this technology last week," the aged ruler said enthusiastically.

test me, I need to stay sharp."

After persuading the king to pause his game for a few minutes, we asked about the nursery rhyme.

"It was written 50 years ago by my bard Olino," said the king. "As pleasant as the poem is, I always found it an impediment. A king

rulers — as a 'merry old soul' was not helpful."

The king said that bard Olino was no longer in his employ, but had opened a successful vineyard.

We asked the king about the significance of the pipe, the bowl and the fiddlers three.

"After the reign of my father, King Mal the Unforgiving, the land was at peace," Old King Cole said. "There was little else to do other than to smoke, eat and listen to music. So — that's what I did. That's what I'm still doing, in fact."

Scunavia has stayed out of world politics.

"We don't have very much to contribute," said Old King Cole. "A population of 872, a GNP of $500,000, and our main source of revenue is collecting royalties on Olino's bit of doggerel."

Before leaving, we asked the unmarried monarch about the future of his kingdom.

"My sister will assume the throne," he sighed. "You may have read Olino's verse about her. I fear it will be a return to the

BRAINTEASER

At night they arrive without being summoned, and by day they are lost without being stolen. What are they?

SOLUTION: Dreams.

WORD OF THE WEEK:

QUADRILOCULAR:
Having four compartments.

This is an extreme close-up of a common object. Can you tell what it is?

Answer: Corn flakes

STUDENT FAILS POP QUIZ

. . . after studying the wrong subject!

By MARK MILLER

ELKINS, W. Va. – Randy Henniker's parents impressed upon him how important it was to do well at school. So when his fourth grade teacher, Mr. Pinsker, informed the class that there would be a pop quiz the following week, Henniker spent all weekend studying.

"I've never studied harder or longer than I did for that pop quiz," revealed Henniker. "I really felt that I knew the subject completely."

Which made it all the more shocking when his quiz came back with a big fat 'F.'

Henniker explained the reason for his failure.

"A math quiz is about math. A history quiz is about history. I assumed a 'pop quiz' was going to be about fathers."

Henniker studied famous dads of history, the arts, Father's day, and had even studied the priesthood – "just to be on the safe side," he said.

"It was very clear that Randy had studied hard," the teacher said. "Unfortunately, he had studied the wrong topic."

Fortunately, an understanding Mr. Pinsker is allowing Henniker to take a make-up exam.

"Looks like another long weekend of study for me," the boy said. "I hardly

WEIRD PICTURE SEARCH

CAN you find the 10 snails hidden in this illustration by renowned artist Sergio Aragones? Check next week's issue for the answer key!

Horse Sense

By Lester the Typing Horse

Once a sideshow attraction, he's now the nation's leading wellness expert

Turn the page for **MONKEY BUSINESS** more astute animal advice!

Please, help me stop pigging out!

Dear Mr. Horse: I tend to overeat. A lot. I was wondering if you can suggest strategies to avoid doing that.

I not only put on weight, I feel sick afterwards.

Karen Drake, Albany, N.Y.

Dear Karen: So glad to hear you're seeking to change your habit — because, in a way, that's all overeating is.

There are a few ways to stop yourself. The first is to chew more slowly. When you eat quickly, it's possible to take in more food before the first bite even reaches your stomach! Before you know it, you've overeaten.

Secondly, there are mechanisms in your body that regulate nutritional intake. When you eat whole, natural, unprocessed foods, your body cuts off your appetite once it determines that you've eaten enough. Processed foods are stripped of their nutritional value, so your body doesn't feel satiated. Hence, you continue to eat.

Horses never overeat because we eat healthy food and just 'go with our gut,' so to speak. That's what you should do too! Good luck.

I eat spinach every day!

Dear Mr. Horse: I've been trying to eat more veggies, so I make sure I eat spinach every day. It's my favorite. Is that good enough?

Danny Ray, Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Danny: It's really great that you're eating a lot of spinach. However, a truly healthy diet includes a variety of vegetables. Different plants have different vitamins and minerals. That's why, in the wild, horses eat many types of include vegetables like kale, chard and broccoli in your meals, as well as raw nuts, seeds, and legumes.

Is diet soda better than regular?

Dear Mr. Horse: Are diet soft drinks better than regular ones?

Thomas Gold, Las Vegas, Nev.

Dear Thomas: Are cigarettes healthier than cigars? Both of those cause ailments in different parts of the body.

Soft drinks are highly acidic, carbonated and full of chemicals. The major difference in diet soda is obviously the lack of sugar, which is replaced with aspartame, a chemical linked to many health problems. I'd try to avoid all soft drinks.

Plus, as a horse who loves pure water, I never understood how you could stand all those bubbles.

Ice cold or room temperature?

Dear Mr. Horse: Is it better to drink water cold or at room temperature?

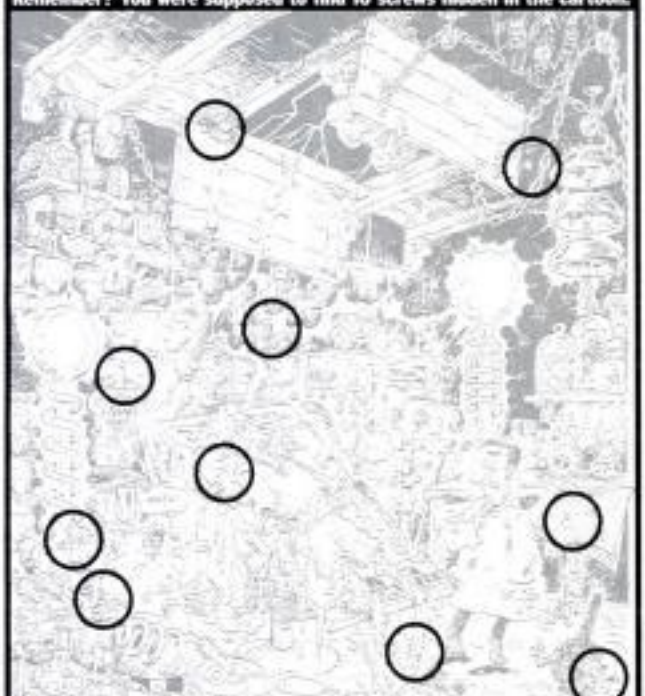
Rachel Creek, Danbury, Conn.

Dear Rachel: Colder liquids are marginally better. They're pushed through the stomach faster than warm liquids. That re-hydrates the body more quickly. Horses drink plenty of water at trough or hose temperature (which is pretty warm) and we're very hydrated.

Whatever the temperature,

LAST WEEK'S PICTURE SEARCH SOLUTION

Remember? You were supposed to find 10 screws hidden in the cartoon.



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MONKEY BUSINESS

Astute accounting advice from Sammy, the Chatting Chimp!

AFTER leaving the circus to make a better life for himself, Sammy the Chatting Chimp started his own exotic pet business and made a fortune. Now he wants to share the secrets that made him wealthy by offering economic advice.

THE BEST ADVICE THIS SIDE OF THE JUNGLE!

He wants my job! Can I risk a vacation?

Dear Mr. Chimp: I have an aggressive co-worker who wants my job. Should I still take my vacation?

William Roust, Seattle, Wash.

Dear William: Yes. If you change your plans it'll look suspicious and both your co-worker and your boss will know you're worried. By taking your vacation you are showing that you're confident about your position.

It's like picking berries when you think there's a lion out there. You can't let the other monkeys know you're afraid or you'll never become the leader. As I've often said, the key to doing well in business is confidence.

Confidence often requires taking a calculated gamble. But that's what will inspire people to want to do business with you.

Are pork bellies what I think they are?

Dear Mr. Chimp: I've got a question about the financial pages. What the heck are "pork bellies?"

Lindsay Stewart, Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Lindsay: Pork bellies is another name for bacon, which is taken from the underside (or belly) of a hog.

Pork Belly futures (the anticipated price of bacon and other pork products in storage) are influenced by the supply and demand for hogs and for competing meats.

Something like Mad Cow Disease would obviously drive the price of pig products up.

To me, bellies are for scratching — not buying or eating. But that's just one of the odd customs I've had to adjust to living among humans!

OUT OF THIS WORD SEARCH!

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Does good always FROM OUT

By DICK SIEGEL

NEW YORK – Deep within his lair beneath Grant's Tomb, Matthew Daemon SOS, Seeker of Obscure Supernaturals, was monitoring the globe on his supercomputerized World Weird Network when he received an e-mail that read: "Expect me soon. Quint Nightshade."

The very name sent a chill along the backbone of the fearless foe of the fantastic.

It was during the American Civil War when the names Daemon and Nightshade became eternally linked. Matt's great-great grandfather, Jedediah Daemon, was a Lieutenant in the Union Army, a special operative reporting directly to General Ulysses S. Grant.

In 1864, the conflagration between brothers could still have gone either way when General Grant sent Jedediah in search of legendary Native American shaman Black Bog Creed, whose powerful magic could have aided whichever side possessed it.

Unknown to the Union, Confederate General Robert E. Lee, heard of Quentin Nightshade, to enlist the mystic's assistance.

Deep behind enemy lines in South Carolina swamps, Lt. Daemon rode through tangled cypress and crocodile infested waters. He soon found the cave where Black Bog was reputed to live. Lighting a torch and making his way through the darkness, Lt. Daemon saw an indistinct shape deep in the blackest recesses of the low rock formation. He was about to speak when the figure addressed him.

"I will not take sides in your war," it said. "I am beholden only to my people."

"Hopefully, I can change your mind," came a harsh voice from behind Daemon.

The Union operative turned. He saw the Confederate officer standing behind him, his gun drawn. Thinking quickly, Daemon doused his torch in the dirt floor and ducked. Nightshade fired into the darkness. Though he missed his target, the gunshot caused a cave-in, trapping Daemon and the shaman.

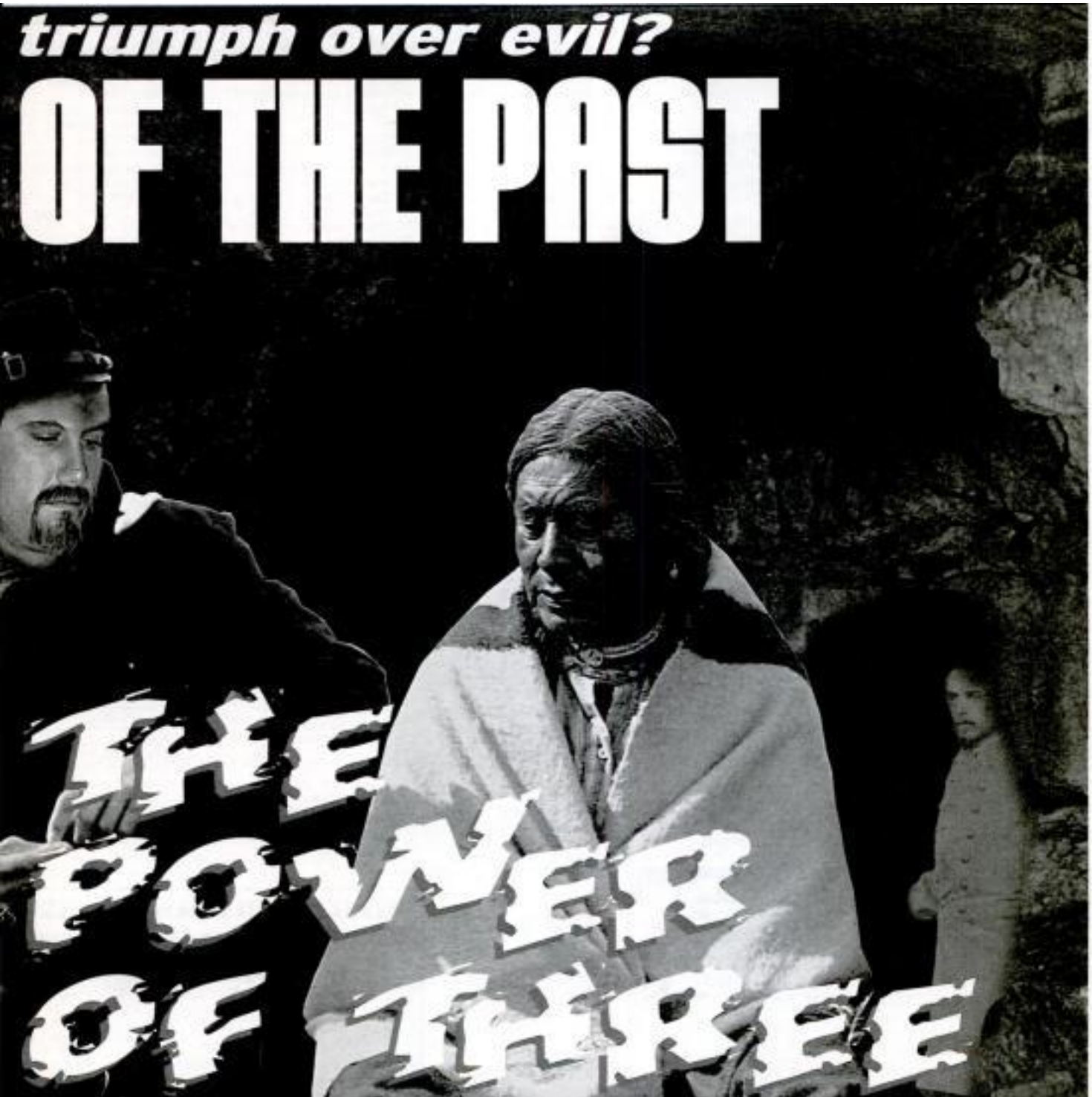
Daemon could hear moaning from beneath

Alas, Black Bog's wounds were fatal. Daemon gave the man a sip from his canteen as he lay dying.

"My strength is ebbing," the ancient figure said. "But I sense that you are a virtuous

triumph over evil?

OF THE PAST



THE POWER OF THREE

er of Three. Applied cleverly and wisely, it will always defeat evil. Find your three and you may escape."

Gasping, Black Bog joined his ancestors in the Spirit World.

His eyes adjusting to the darkness, Daemon retrieved a heavily glowing torch. There was gunpowder in his bag.

"There are two," he sighed. As he exhaled, he smiled. "And there's three!"

Breathing softly on the dying torch, Daemon rekindled the ember. Then he spread a trail of gunpowder to the cache, touched the light to the explosive charge and ran to the back of the cave. There was a massive explosion and Daemon was free. He carried Black Bog's remains to the bog, where he interred them with ceremony and reverence.

Within months, the dered to General Grant and the Civil War was finally over. Jedediah Daemon continued to serve and protect Grant during his Presidency. It was the beginning of the Daemons' long association with Ulysses Grant.

Unfortunately, the Nightshades.

Now, 141 years later, Quint Nightshade, Mystic Malcontent, sought his nemesis, Matthew Daemon. But for what nefarious purpose?

TO BE CONTINUED NEXT WEEK!

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ACROSS

1 Place to take a dip (2 wds)
6 Brazilian hot spot (2 wds)
12 Practice boxing
14 Paddle
15 Actor Diesel
16 Genesis man
19 Madrid native
20 Poem
21 Howard of Hollywood
23 Gets the better of
25 Bolshoi performance
26 Trattoria menu item
27 Kick back
28 Deceives
30 Eyelashes
31 Compass direction
34 Type of shepherd
36 Capital of Iran
38 Sticky stuff
40 Belonging to the Buckeye State
41 Make a lasting impression
42 Crippled
44 "So near and — so far"
46 Grant permission
47 Knobby joint
49 Red Planet
50 Procedure part
51 Makes bread
52 Fore site
54 Sight or touch
56 Contraction
58 Biblical tower
59 You don't know these guys
63 Religious ceremonies
66 Shook
68 Political division
70 Take in or let out
71 Piano piece
73 Used over
75 Tattered clothes
77 Make up for
79 Young Spanish ladies (Abbr)
81 Grain storage shed
82 Part of a min.
84 Mom or pop
86 Naval rank
87 Blew your own horn
88 Nut cases
90 Tupperware top
92 English river
94 Run wild
96 Alphabet components
97 Mix up
98 Soup pod
100 Cattleman's spread
101 Express, as an opinion
102 Head of Hell
103 Popular side
104 Hoodwink
106 Relate
107 Purges of
109 Disseminate
111 False gods
112 Throbbed
114 Highest point
116 Grumpy
117 Baby bears
118 School fill-in
119 It's on the lawn at dawn
120 Way of walking
122 Lay a trap for
125 Goes window shopping
128 Under the weather
129 Boast
130 Finish last
131 Fitness facility
132 Gulp down
135 Protected
138 Round Table titles
140 Kitty
141 Ingested
143 "Puttin' On The —"
144 Pooh's favorite food
147 Country
149 Conflict
151 Naval warrant officer
154 Aphrodite's love
156 Cone provider
159 Party giver
160 Extreme poverty
161 Perfect model
162 Barbecue place
167 Soup start
168 Short stories
169 Shaker filler
170 Microscope part
171 Nautically nauseous
174 Snowmobile runners
176 Gee whiz!
177 Kind of poodle
179 Dante's "— Comedy"
181 Migratory game birds
183 Elizabeth's prince
185 Color of cowardice
187 Bed and breakfast
189 Tear apart
190 Florida city
191 Cruise ship
192 Bookworms love to do this
193 Cellar
195 Fix firmly
197 Sign up
199 Sumptuous meal
202 Appraise
204 Uptight
206 Mutual consent
209 Insect stage
211 Actress Reid
213 Purple shade
215 It went overboard in Boston
216 The South, symbolically
217 Gets onstage
220 Worldwide renown
222 Plaster board
223 Passing fancy
225 Dead — Scrolls
227 Gorillas and orangutans
229 Dryer fuzz
231 No-no for gravy
232 Utah city
233 Sharp reprimand
235 Bean-shaped organ
237 Highway rig
238 Computer note
239 Keepsakes
241 Islamic title
242 Lawful
243 Lay waste to
245 Treason
246 Speaker's platform
247 "The — Cometh"
248 Fortified walls
249 "— — good example"
250 Cereal grain
251 Comedian Caesar
252 Blood and guts
253 Thrilling
254 Gunned down

DOWN

1 Sound of mind
2 Novelist
3 Mother of fairy tales
4 Food cupboard
5 Tree decoration
7 Eavesdrop
8 Turn aside
9 WW2 aircraft: — Gay
10 Roof beam
11 Smell
12 Break into pieces
13 Roof of the mouth
17 Proverbs
18 Ford fixer
19 Discount events
20 Wise guys
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37 Chicago train
38 Bottled spirit
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60 Where the deer and the buffalo roam
61 Mistake
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Motel owner sticks it to guests at Louisiana . . .

TOURIST

By MICHAEL ROVIN

MONROE, La. — "It's true," said Louisiana's Department of Vacation Affairs director Lindsay Landers. "We are endorsing a class action suit against the No Charge Lodge. It's the first time the DVA has had to take such a drastic step."

According to vacationer Debra Sweeney, the motel has a come-on no one can resist.

"They call themselves a not-for-profit enterprise and advertise free rooms," said Sweeney, who filed the first complaint with the DVA. "But when you want to leave the next morning, you're stuck.

"The place is literally a 'tourist trap.' "

The No Charge Lodge was built over an ancient tar pit. Hank Robins, the owner of the motel, has allegedly used that to defraud his customers.

"That crook told me the small holes in the floor were for ventilation," said salesman Robert Dawson, who is another participant in the legal action. "When I got out of bed the next morning my feet got stuck in tar. Responding to my calls for help, the owner came in and said if I wanted to leave I'd have to pay $1,000. I had to get to an important meeting, so I paid him."

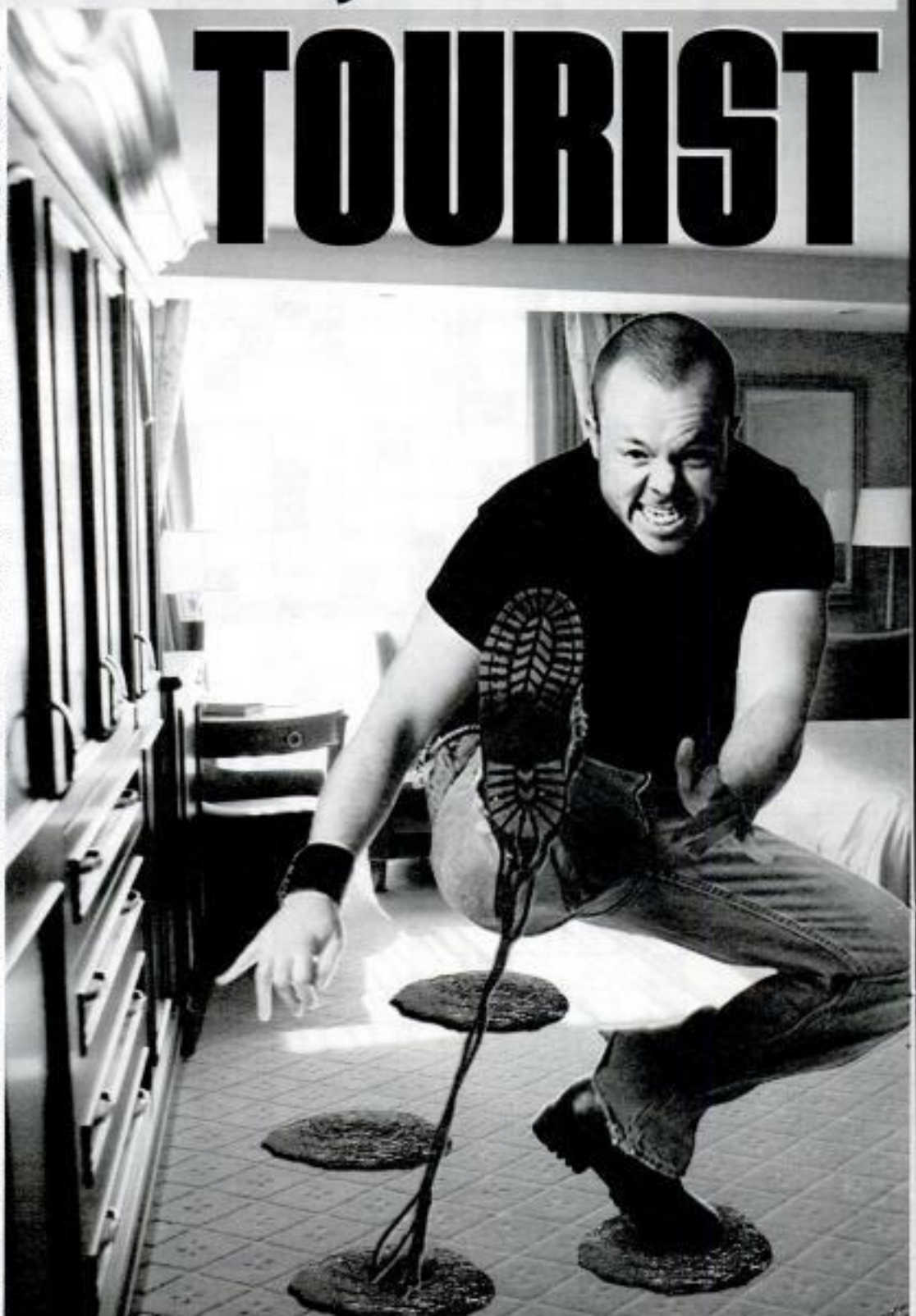
The tar pit bubbles up early each morning, then recedes a few hours later.

"He cleans all the floors before new guests show up," said Dawson. "It's quite a racket."

We asked Robins how he felt about these complaints.

"They're all a bunch of whiners, and I will defend myself against this frivolous, illegitimate action," said Robins. "I charge them $1,000 because it takes a lot of my valuable time to help them. They don't *have* to pay me. They can use their own blow torch to get free if they want."

"I hope that guy gets what he deserves," said Sweeney. "Per-



ARMY INVESTIGATING OLD SOLDIERS WHO JUST FADE AWAY!

By ANGUS FENWICK

WASHINGTON, D.C. – In his address to a joint session of Congress in 1951, retiring General Douglas MacArthur said, "Old soldiers never die, they just fade away."

Although MacArthur used the words metaphorically, a recent U.S. Army investigation suggests the phrase may be more literal than anyone imagined.

"We've gotten at least a dozen reports from veterans' families over the past few months," revealed Army spokesperson Major Dana Walker. "All of them pertain to former soldiers who have been unsuccessful in civilian life. Apparently, their physical forms became less and less distinct over time until they literally faded away."

Army physician Capt. Craig Kellem confided to *Weekly World News* that these disappearances have a logical explanation.

"This has been a closely guarded secret since the 1960s," he added. "It's not something we want to advertise – bad for recruitment.

"It's called Military Camouflage Fatigue," revealed Kellem. "Soldiers who wore camouflage battle dress in situations of extreme stress and male bonding find themselves, upon retirement, subconsciously craving to be in the thick of things once more. Their physical bodies reflect that need by literally blending into their surroundings."

Kellem said they are searching for a cure – as well as the missing soldiers. He added that the problem is more dramatic, though far less prevalent, than the one faced by retired generals.

"These guys are turning yellow from the neck up," he said. "They really miss being top brass."

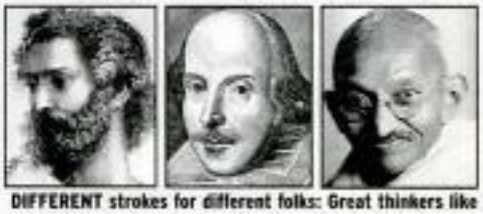
RESEARCHER REVEALS . . .

GREAT MINDS THINK VERY DIFFERENTLY!

By MARK MILLER

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. – Researcher Janet Klein, of the Cambridge Institution Think Tank, has concrete proof that a common expression – 'Great minds think alike' – is absolutely false.

"My husband and I put together a list of history's greatest thinkers from Socrates to Churchill, da Vinci to Einstein," she said. "Then we cross-indexed their abilities, accomplishments, writings and thoughts. For example – Shakespeare, Gandhi and Aristotle all had thoughts about the subject of peace. We fed all these cross-indexed thoughts into our computer and the results stunned us.



DIFFERENT strokes for different folks: Great thinkers like Aristotle, left, Shakespeare and Gandhi each addressed the subject of peace in their own way.

AFTER much investigation, only The Three Stooges came close to possessing similar thought processes.

"There was not a single match-up between any two great minds," she said. "The conclusions may have been

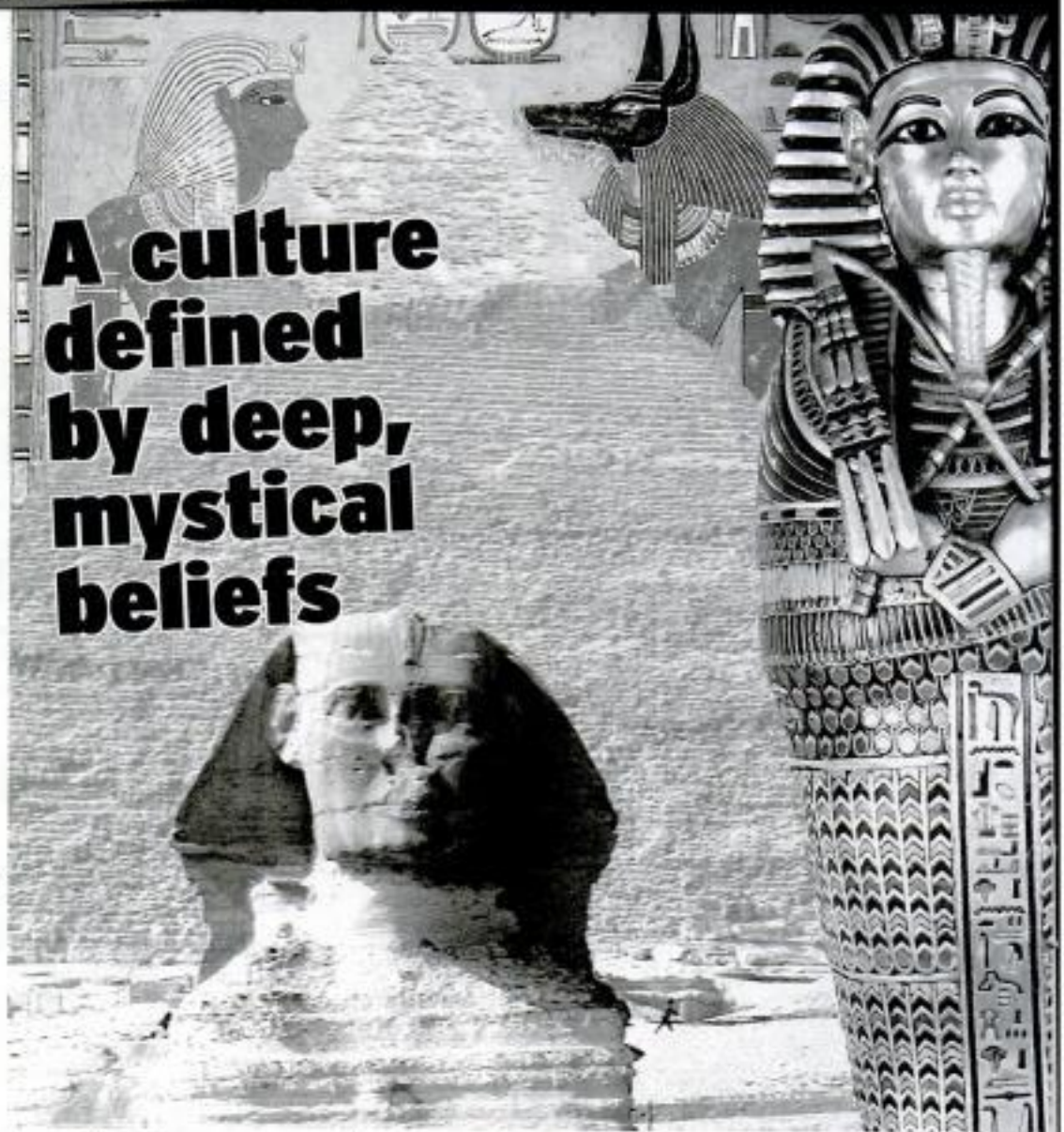
play, *Henry V*, Shakespeare had King Henry exclaim, "In peace there's nothing so becomes a man as

which is a quality of the heart, cannot come by an appeal to the brain." And Aristotle taught his followers, "We make war that we may live in peace."

The closest Klein found to individuals who possessed similar thought processes were The Three Stooges.

"But I would hardly refer to them as great minds," stated Klein. "Then again, my husband disagrees.

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT MYTHS OF EGYPT? TEST



A culture defined by deep, mystical beliefs

FOR thousands of years, the Egyptians had a rich and mysterious spiritual life. Their deep mystical beliefs defined their culture and also influenced their science. Let's see how much you know about these ancient people . . .

1. How many gods did the Egyptians worship?
a) 10.
b) 105.
c) 503.
d) More than 2,000.

2. Osiris was:
a) The sun god.
b) King of the Underworld.
c) The god of luck.
d) King of evil.

3. Seth was the god of:
a) Evil.
b) Life.
c) The harvest.
d) The sky.

4. Pyramids were built to be used as:
a) Grain storehouses.
b) Royal tombs.
c) Slave housing.
d) Treasuries.

5. Egyptians began the act of mummifying around:
a) 2500 B.C.
b) 1000 B.C.
c) 100 A.D.
d) 1000 A.D.

6. While preparing mummies, priests would wear jackal-shaped masks, the symbol of Anubis, the god of:
c) The Earth.
d) Love.

7. To speed up dehydration – which helped to preserve human remains – mummies were covered in a "natron," which was:
c) A special sand.
d) Brown sugar.

8. An average mummification took:
a) A week.
b) 30 days.
c) 70 days.

of an individual mummification?
a) Social status.
b) Age.
c) Physical beauty.
d) Height.

10. In hieroglyphic writing

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a) Royalty.
b) The sun.
c) The moon.
d) Life.

11. Which insect was seen as a symbol of life and rebirth?
a) The scarab.
b) The spider.
c) The red ant.
d) The locust.

12. Roughly how many pyramids have been found in Egypt?
a) 20.
b) 54.
c) 70.
d) 110.

13. The Great Sphinx has the head of a man and the body of:
a) A tiger.
b) A cat.
c) A lion.
d) A panther.

14. A "uraeus" appears on the headdress of rulers and serves as a symbol of sovereignty. What animal does it depict?
a) The snake.
b) The lion.
c) The scorpion.
d) The hawk.

ANSWERS

1 d) Before Egypt was united, there were roughly 40 self-ruling areas which had their own gods, hence the large number of deities.
2 b) He was originally the god of agriculture and nature.
3 a) He killed his brother, Osiris.
4 b) The pyramid shape represents a stairway to heaven.
5 a)
6 b)
7 b) It also helped prevent the flesh from "spoiling."
8 c)
9 a)
10 d)
11 a) It laid eggs in dung and the bodies of dead animals.
12 d) Sadly, many are falling apart and unrecognizable.
13 c)
14 a) Snakes were among the most revered, loved and feared animals of Ancient Egypt.

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MEN

WA. 403-942 White widower, 71 years old, good health, non-smoker/drinker, 5'10", brown hair, some gray, brown eyes, retired civil engineer, captain US Army reserve, pro rodeo rider and photographer, come from well known family background, good references, will send photo. Looking for White female, non-smoker/drinker, 65-80, 130-140 lbs. A lady who's looking for a loving, caring man. A man whom she could trust. Please send photo/ phone.

TX. 403-943 Christian White male, 71, seeking a nice Christian lady, 56-68. I'm looking forward to treasuring the love of a good woman. Photo/phone.

MI. 403-944 Nice looking Black male, retired, 63, seeking White, Black, or Filipino women.

MI. 403-945 DWM, 53, 5'8", 175 lbs., brown/ brown, with two kids, 15 and 16, smoker, social drinker. Enjoy family time, cooking, barbecues. Seeking female, slim to medium, for LTR, age, race open, children, inmates welcome.

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NV. 403-952 DWM, 65, 5'10½", 185 lbs., retired, likes outdoors, fishing, romance. ISO petite, relocatable lady, with same likes. Oriental OK. Photo/phone please.

SC. 403-953 Black male, 59, 5'11", 190 lbs., nice looking, recent college graduate. Seeking slim to medium build White female. Age, looks unimportant. Will answer all.

MN. 403-954 DWM, 58, 6'0", 215 lbs., interested in meeting a pretty, slim, lady, 45-55, non-smoker, who wouldn't mind small town country living. As I am nearing retirement, I would like to meet that special lady. Full length photo/phone please.

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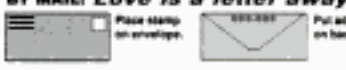

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BEST OF BOTH

By WILLIAM STEWART

Scientist meets himself in parallel world

LOS ALAMOS, N.M. — While experimenting with a particle accelerator at the Institute of Particle Acceleration, physicist Richard Dopple experienced a phenomenon unique in the history of science.

"I was working during an electrical storm," said Dopple. "The building was struck by lightning, there was a powerful surge, and the fabric of space tore open in front of me. I was looking through a door to another world and found myself face-to-face — with myself!"

Unsure how long the rift would remain open — or what to expect — Dopple stepped through. At that exact moment, his double did precisely the same thing.

"Obviously, we couldn't inhabit the same dimension at the same time," Dopple said. "Either that, or we just happened to think alike — to a point.

"It turned out that this new world was just like my own but with subtle differences.

"I was standing inside my other self's laboratory, but this one had a sophisticated RAIN 9000 computer," Dopple said. "I'd been asking for one for years. It seems my counterpart was more convincing."

Dopple left the IPA and went to his parallel home. There, he found a few surprises as well.

"My dog Lamark was quiet and well behaved," said Dopple. "We had a hi-definition TV and surround sound. But best of all, my wife in this universe was loving, supportive, and didn't nag me. The double-Dopple was obviously doing quite well for himself."

Dopple decided to take advantage of the situation. He went back to his world. So did his double. When the double went home for the night, Dopple slipped sleeping pills into the water well of the coffeemaker. The next morning, his double made himself fresh coffee — as Dopple knew he would. Ten minutes later he was asleep.

Dopple made several trips between both universes, each time bringing something back. By the time the pathway closed that night, Dopple had a new TV, the RAIN computer, a new microwave, some great Italian suits, and a much nicer dog. Unfortunately, the rift closed before Dopple could make the big switch — swapping wives. However, after a few days Dopple noticed that his own wife was much pleasanter to live with.

"Once she saw all the nice items, she lightened up," said Dopple. "I guess it was partly my fault, being a lame provider.

"I kind of really feel sorry for my double now, though," Dopple added. "I don't think *his* wife is going to be so happy any more."

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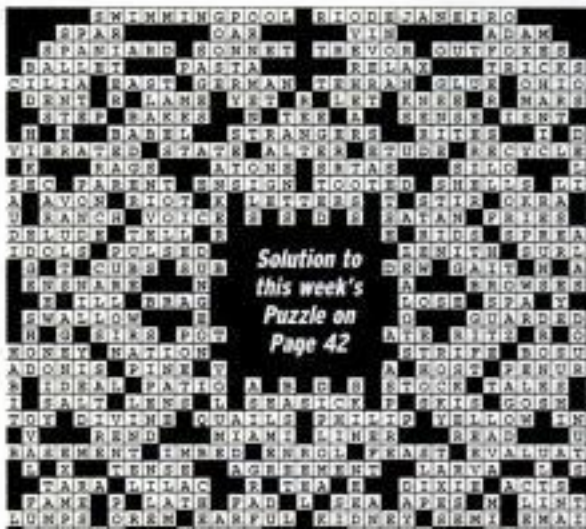

Solution to this week's Puzzle on Page 42

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ISRAELI MILLIONAIRE DOESN'T WANT HIS NEW SHIP CHRISTENED:

'I WANT IT ABRAHAMMED!'

By MARK MILLER

THROUGHOUT seafaring history, ships have been christened before their maiden voyage, typically by breaking a champagne bottle on the ship's bow. A new ship, owned by Israeli millionaire Moshe Katz, will also have a festive launching ceremony – though there will be a break with custom.

"Being Jewish, I just couldn't get excited about christening my ship," revealed Katz. "Instead, I decided to have my ship 'Abrahammed.' "

Rather than whacking the hull with a champagne bottle, Katz has come up with something based on a traditional Jewish rite.

"We're going to recite a Hebrew blessing for the ship's safe voyage," said Katz. "Then we'll use a welding torch to cut off the tip of the hull and offer it as a token to the sea. I believe this will catch on and you'll see many other Jewish ships being Abrahammed."

Because his ship will be taking its maiden voyage around Passover, Katz plans to call her the *S.S. Matzoh*.

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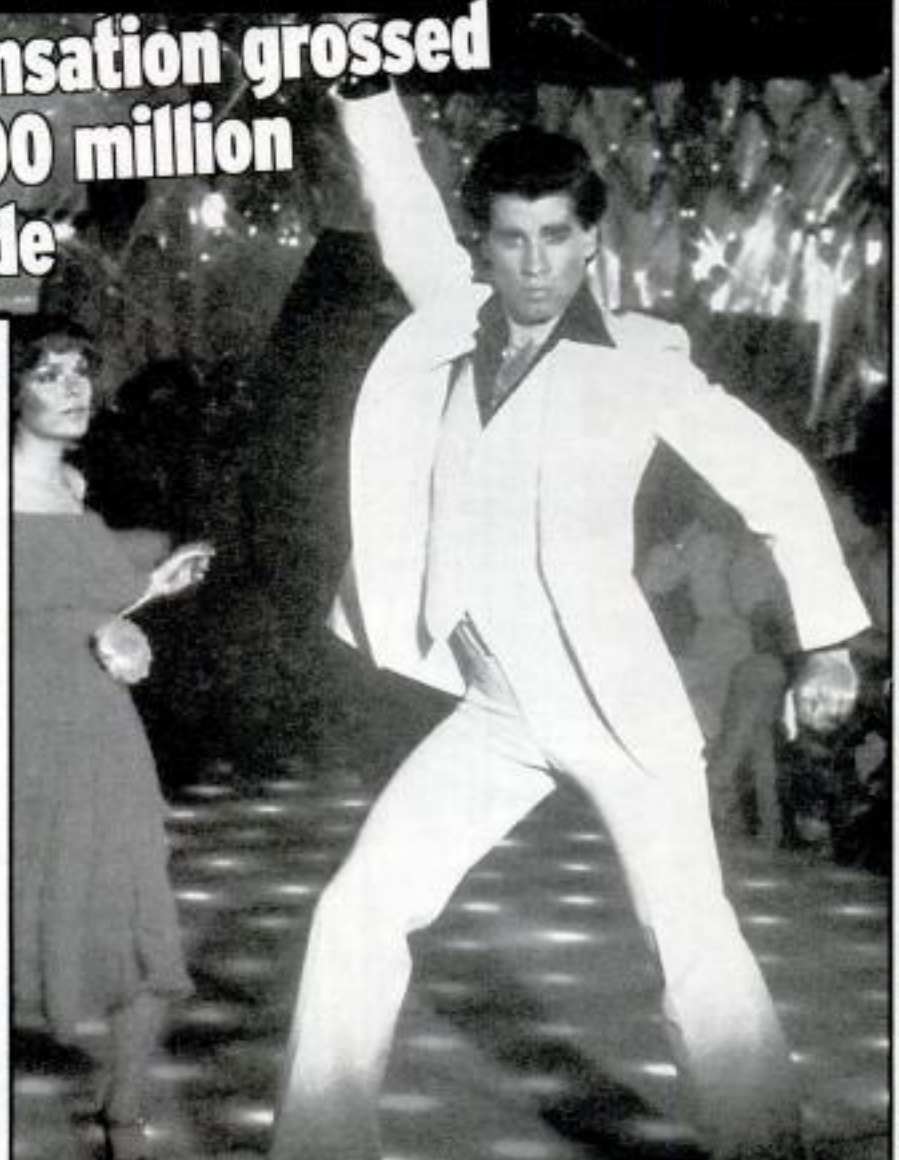

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By DORIAN WAGNER

A TYPICAL American spends a year of their life on the telephone. Hostess Twinkies are 68 percent air. One 75-watt light bulb gives off more light that three 25-watt bulbs.

That's just a sample of the astonishing trivia that reporters and editors at *Weekly World News* have unearthed while researching all the terrific stories you read in our paper every week. Here's more:

- According to federal guidelines, there should be 21 to 25 jumbo shrimp in a pound.
- Ancient Greek gamblers made dice from sheep ankle bones and shoulder blades.
- Someone who is aerophobic has an irrational fear of drafts.
- On Dec. 15, 1998, the Mayer Kaplan Jewish Community Center in Skokie, Ill., attempted to set the world record for largest number of dreidels spinning at one time. It took 200 people to set the record.
- The average beehive has 30,000 to 60,000 bees in it.
- In Tibet, it's good manners to stick your tongue out at guests.
- A wet onion is easier to peel than a dry one.
- "Debate is masculine, conversation is feminine." — Amos Bronson Alcott
- Residents of Hawaii have longer life spans than those of any other state.
- Benjamin Franklin invented crop insurance.
- Women are more prone to phobias than men.
- Nearly 80 percent of Japanese advertising features celebrities.
- The blue whale can weigh as much as 30 elephants and grow as long as three Greyhound buses.
- In Hazelton, Pa., it is illegal to sip a carbonated beverage while lecturing in a school auditorium.
- According to Aristotle, wind direction determines the sex of a baby.
- It takes 570 gallons of paint to cover the outside of the White House.
- Kangaroo rats own fluids from the food they eat and the air they breathe.
- The highest quality rating given to a diamond is D-flawless.
- A group of unicorns is called a blessing.
- Olive oil and bread are sacred gifts in Tuscany, and it is considered a terrible sin to waste either one of them.
- "Saving is a fine thing. Espe-
- Aprosexia: the abnormal inability to concentrate.
- Mormon leader Brigham Young had 27 wives.
- A cow's stomach has four compartments: The rumen, the reticulum, the omasum and the abomasum.
- Desert snails may sleep for three or four years at a time!
- There are more than 1,000

WHAT'S MY NAME?

Scarlett O'Hara's real first name was Katie.

189 BILLION SNAPPED

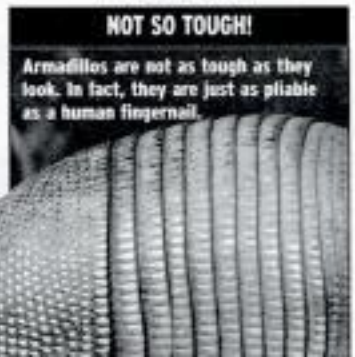
The Lego Group has manufactured about 189 billion Lego pieces since 1949 – about 30 Legos for every person on Earth!

FIRED UP OVER FALL

Leaves collected in the fall and spring are the easiest material to compost.

NOT SO TOUGH!

Armadillos are not as tough as they look. In fact, they are just as pliable as a human fingernail.



DIRTY BILL OF HEALTH

'I've never treated anyone with this many ailments,' says dumfounded doc

By JONATHAN PIKE

TRENTON, N.J. — "I've been practicing medicine for 20 years," said Dr. Robert Fittle at the New Jersey Gravitas Medical Center. "By the time I'm through, my patients always have a clean bill of health.

"Until now. The physical condition of my newest patient, Mr. Sweeney, has forced me to break with tradition."

After a thorough examination of the 77-year-old, Dr. Fittle gave him a *dirty* bill of health.

"I've never treated a person with so many ailments," said Dr. Fittle. "He should have seen a doctor years ago. A team of doctors, for that matter."

Dr. Fittle gave *Weekly World News* an overview of Sweeney's medical conditions.

"First off, this man has arthritis in every bone joint in his body," said Dr. Fittle. "It's very mild, but it's everywhere. He even has it in his jawbone — on both sides.

"Mr. Sweeney is also highly allergic," Fittle went on. "He reacts to pollen, dust, molds, dairy, wheat, grass, perfumes, feathers, nylons, cats, dogs and so on," said Dr. Fittle. "He's even allergic to his own nose hairs. The oils cause his sinuses to swell.

"On top of that, Mr. Sweeney suffers from high blood pressure, over-the-top cholesterol, cirrhosis of the liver, hepatitis A, B and C, benign prostatic hyperplasia, osteoporosis, diabetes, spinal subluxation and cataracts."

"The cataracts were what brought me here," said Sweeney. "Once it became too hard to read *Weekly World News*, I decided to see a doctor. Unfortunately, I couldn't read the signs. Instead of physician. "Frankly, I'm amazed he's still alive. His body's immune system is tireless. I think it's the sugar he gets from his steady — indeed, only — diet of snack cakes."

Dr. Fittle has begun tackling each ailment one at a time, although he's not sure he can cure Sweeney completely.

"The best-case scenario will leave him as sick as a dog," said

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WARNING

Unless wearer is A-list celebrity, use at night or indoors may lead to commenting and snickering behind back.

CAUTION

Do not shake. Falling coconuts may result in concussion or other serious injury.

WARNING

Absentminded bending into various shapes may result in puncture wounds, sore fingertips or reprimand from boss for wasting office supplies.

WORLD'S WEIRDEST FORTUNE COOKIES

EVERYONE knows the best part of eating at a Chinese restaurant is the fortune cookies. Usually the prediction is good, but sometimes you really break into a bad cookie.

You readers may not know this, but we crazy pack rats at *WWN* make a habit of saving silly things – and weird fortunes are

It's getting nippy out there!

Kids attacked by snow fleas!

By MICHAEL ROVIN

PORTLAND, Maine — "A winter snow is always a fun time for my two young kids," said Dora Reed. "They get a day off from school and enjoy sledding and building snowmen."

On Jan. 12, however, the Reed children were in for a shock — along with the rest of the city.

"Danny and Dini both came inside crying," Dora said. "I helped them take off their snowsuits and was horrified. Their faces and scalps were crawling with tiny bugs. The things looked like white fleas and there were thousands of them!"

Hundreds of Portland parents made similar discoveries. The mayor's office immediately called in entomologist Frank Pincer of the Maine Insect Center to investigate the phenomenon.

"I recognized the bugs at once," said Pincer. "They're called *Siphonaptera cumulus* — cloud fleas. They dwell in the stratosphere over the Arctic Circle, living off cloud vapors and the bacteria that inhabit the moisture. When a cloud dissipates, the fleas simply drift to another one. These apparently drifted south on a rare, southerly jet stream."

We asked Pincer why these sky bugs were descending to

he said. "When snowflakes form around them in the desolate North, no one notices. The bugs just wait for the sun to free them, then ride the thermal currents back up into the air. When the snow fell in Portland, however, the body heat of the children freed them. Earthbound, with nothing else to eat, the fleas immediately began nipping at the exposed flesh of the boys and girls."

Unfortunately, Pincer said there is no way to get rid of the pesky cloud fleas.

"They have very tough shells and strong constitutions, as you might imagine," he said. "Portlanders will just have to wait till a strong wind carries them back into the upper reaches of the atmosphere.

WANT TO BE BEAUTIFUL AS A SWAN?

BRUSSELS, Belgium — Tired of being considered the ugly duckling among her six sisters, Marjorie Mabels underwent several cosmetic surgeries to improve her appearance and become more "swanlike."

"Everything would have been fine if she hadn't taken it to the extreme" sister Ann said. "Now she looks just like a swan, with a pointy beaklike nose and all!"

Mabels, who started with a simple lip-plumping, said she was inspired to undergo the series of changes after watching makeover reality shows on TV. "Every time I went in for another consultation, I told the surgeons my goal was to be as beautiful as the girls on *The Swan*," she told *Weekly World News*.

And after her neck slenderizing, eye enlargement and 13 other surgeries, Mabels couldn't be happier. "They may have focused a little too much on the 'swan' part, but I don't mind. There could be worse animals to look like!"

WWN HOROSCOPE

BY MADAME MALISA
Renowned medium and psychic

Your weekly star guide

February 27 – March 5

Readers all over the country are using Madame Malisa's Lucky Lottery Numbers to help them win big bucks, and so can you! To find your Lucky Numbers, simply look them up under your birth sign in the chart below. If you need seven numbers for the lottery in your area, add your birthday. If you need fewer numbers, drop the numbers listed last.

YOUR LUCKY LOTTO NUMBERS

ARIES	3, 15, 19, 21, 32, 46
TAURUS	3, 17, 20, 36, 44, 49
GEMINI	4, 7, 28, 39, 43, 46
CANCER	4, 10, 14, 20, 38, 39
LEO	10, 15, 25, 39, 41, 47
VIRGO	5, 13, 28, 34, 41, 46
LIBRA	8, 17, 23, 31, 47, 48
SCORPIO	11, 13, 21, 32, 39, 47
SAGITTARIUS	2, 15, 23, 36, 41, 43
CAPRICORN	5, 10, 25, 28, 31, 49
AQUARIUS	4, 15, 21, 27, 35, 38

ARIES
Mar. 21 – Apr. 19

A great week is in store for lucky you. You move from project to project, easily accomplishing your goals.

You rule the roost in your professional life and your lucky numbers are 4 and 15.

Look for you and your true love to have a romantic get-together, an intimate candlelit dinner for two. Don't be afraid to play a little footsie.

TAURUS
Apr. 20 – May 20

You win praise this week for handling a sticky situation with grace and dignity. Bravo!

Recurring bouts of anxiety and jittery nerves could be caused by too much caffeine and rude children. Switch to decaf and discipline the kids.

A weekend walk turns into an adventure when a bargain found at a sidewalk or garage sale makes your day.

GEMINI
May 21 – June 20

Good medical news buoys your spirits early this week. Expect more happy news over the telephone — but also be prepared for a disturbing letter or e-mail.

Spending a day with old friends or relatives brings back happy memories.

Your beloved makes a delightful suggestion for a special evening and you'll both be glad of it.

CANCER
June 21 – July 22

You seem to have everything under control and you're feeling energetic this week. Your self-confidence and positive attitude are at an all-time high.

Most of your friends want to share your effervescent enthusiasm, but expect one of them to gossip.

An encounter while shopping can lead to money. Your lucky numbers are 44 and 3.

LEO
July 23 – Aug. 22

You're seeking personal recognition as well as romance and that's great. But watch out — someone is watching you, and feels threatened by your dreams.

Lucky numbers are 13 and 5. Keep a sharp lookout for a special sign from a friend in blue.

Remember, most accidents happen within a few miles of home, so buckle up.

VIRGO
Aug. 23 – Sept. 22

You may feel overwhelmed by personal problems this week. But you're a survivor who can handle almost any situation, no matter how stressful — so cool it. The situation won't last too long.

Your presently gloomy financial picture will brighten when an unexpected dividend or bonus comes to lift your sagging spirits.

Green or white are lucky colors.

LIBRA
Sept. 23 – Oct. 22

You could make real progress in personal and business affairs this week with the aid of an unexpected lucky break involving the color turquoise.

Creativity is high, and you should probably approach your partner with those innovative ideas you have for improving your sex life.

You could be vulnerable to health problems just now. Take your vitamins.

SCORPIO
Oct. 23 – Nov. 21

Your lucky numbers this week are 20 and 38, and they could pay off in a big way if you're willing to take a chance.

An innocent but suspicious-looking situation with a friend could make a loved one jealous, so be careful. Be charming and vague if things get sticky.

Matrimony may be in the immediate future for singles.

SAGITTARIUS
Nov. 22 – Dec. 21

Expect to be praised this week for a job well done. Someone may reward you with a valuable gift or a sum of money. Use the extra cash to pay down your credit cards.

You may find a loved one impossible to deal with in the middle of the week. Ignore them.

By the weekend, you'll be distracted in a good way with romance.

CAPRICORN
Dec. 22 – Jan. 19

Be prepared for a romance or a new beginning with a partner this week.

Brighten your surroundings and fill your days with activities that make you happy. Call on friends or relatives for help if you need it.

Traveling over the weekend could lead to a new opportunity where your finances are concerned, but don't forget your toothbrush.

AQUARIUS
Jan. 20 – Feb. 18

Be prepared — some great opportunities or changes of fortune lie in wait for you this week. One could bring a better place to live, but be careful of anything that seems too good to be true.

Domestic drudgery keeps you busy over the weekend, but you still find time for romance — perhaps with a new partner. Pamper yourselves.

PISCES
Feb. 19 – Mar. 20

Budget woes occupy your time this week and you may have difficulty making financial decisions. Bite the bullet and pay what you can.

Your health and wealth are connected. You feel in control, and rightly so. Spend time near water if possible.

Weekend travel or a new companion prove exciting and lead the way to adventure. Drive carefully.

If your birthday is this week . . .

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There's gold in . . .

THEM THAR HILLS

By MICHAEL ROVIN

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — The phrase 'There's gold in them thar hills' was first coined during the Gold Rush in the mid 1800s. For more than a century and a half, it has come to mean that there is opportunity for wealth in some place or endeavor.

"We now know better," said archaeologist Warren Tribes. "'Them Thar Hills' is actually a place. And there really is gold there!"

Last week, Tribes unearthed a map in Gold Digger's Graveyard, a pauper's cemetery for prospectors who died during the Gold Rush.

"The map was drawn by James O'Toole, who perished from dysentery before he could use it," Tribes explained. "The drawing was based on a description by a Native American whose family had lived in the area for countless generations. There's an arrow pointing to a series of low peaks labeled Them Thar Hills.

"Though O'Toole spoke the name with his dying breath, no one at the time took him literally," said Tribes. "The map was left in his pocket when he was buried in a tattered white sheet."

According to the map, Them Thar Hills is two miles west of the Black Hills, where one of the last deposits of gold was found. After carefully following O'Toole's directions, Tribes arrived at the location indicated by the arrow. Despite years of landslides and erosion, he found traces of gold dust on the surface.

"No doubt this is why O'Toole died poor," Tribes said. "The gold seems very deeply buried.

"Unfortunately, the days of a man pitching a tent, then spending years prospecting with a pickax and dynamite are long gone. It would probably cost more to dig out the gold than it's worth."

Despite his disappointment, Tribes immediately moved onto his next project.

"One of my associates in Agua Dulce, Calif., has heard legends of a deposit of silver in the mountains nearby," said Tribes. "All we have to do is figure out where 'Hiyo' is."

ARCHAEOLOGIST Warren Tribes confirms location of Them Thar Hills, a series of low peaks two miles west of the Black Hills indicated on a map unearthed in Gold Digger's Graveyard.

THE MAP found by Tribes was drawn by James O'Toole, left, who died during the Gold Rush and was buried in a pauper's cemetery for prospectors.

NASA reveals lines rejected in favor of Neil Armstrong's 1st words on moon!

By MARK MILLER

WASHINGTON, D.C. – "That's one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind."

Those immortal words, uttered by astronaut Neil Armstrong when he became the first man to set foot on the moon, continue to inspire generations of Americans about the wonders of can-do exploration. Few realize, however, that other phrases were suggested for that honor – phrases deemed not worthy enough to be the first words spoken on the moon.

These less-than-immortal words – suggested both by the astronauts and various NASA employees and subcontractors – came to light in January when NASA declassified more than 250,000 pages of historical Elizabeth Holscher. "These 10 phrases were on the final list that proved most popular among NASA employees for use after the first step on the moon."

"O.K., now Buzz can quit asking, 'Are we there yet?' "

"Hey, there's a river here – and it must be wider than a mile!"

"Man, we should definitely be able to get a date after this!"

"That's one long trip for a man, one giant steak when I get back home."

"I'm king of the world!"

"Wow! There's the Earth. I think I can see my house from here!"

"Boy, it's dark. Hey, Pink Floyd – got an idea for ya."

"Say, there's some yokel selling earthshine!"

"Incoming! Cow!"

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U.S. SCIENTISTS

By EDWARD BAIRD
Weekly World News

PHOENIX, Arizona — American geneticists brought a 500-year-old mummy back to life in one of the most dramatic and controversial experiments ever!

That's the word from Dr. Martin Storn, a research biologist who was a key figure in the top secret project, until he resigned over "moral and ethical concerns" and blew the whistle on colleagues who chose to continue their work at a private facility in the Arizona desert.

"The experiment succeeded beyond anyone's expectations and that is why I had serious problems with it," Dr. Storn, 57, told science reporters.

"It was one thing to attempt to regenerate the mummy and another thing to see that it was actually beginning to happen.

"Once I realized that we had a literal power over life and death I bailed out. I'm a scientist — a damn good scientist. But I don't want to play God."

As incredible as it might sound, Dr. Storn's report is clearly in line with recent advances in the field of genetics.

SHOCKING photograph of revitalized mummy was released by Dr. Martin Storn.

BRING MUMMY BACK TO LIFE!

Shocked doc blows whistle on top secret experiment!

Dr. Martin Storn

The regeneration of dead tissue is more or less routine in laboratories all around the world.

But the top secret Phoenix experiment marked the first time that anyone had tried to revive a human being instead of simple tissues or cells.

"This is one of the most ambitious projects ever undertaken," said Dr. Storn, noting that "the regeneration process itself is enormously complicated.

"Suffice it to say that infusions of blood, water and nutrients coupled with an electrification procedure actually revived the mummy.

"Portions of its brain show signs of life and one eye is completely open. Small patches of flesh around the mummy's ear, ankle and knee cap, in addition to nine of its 10 fingers, are as vibrant and supple as my own."

Dr. Storn refused to name the privately owned research group that is experimenting with the mummy but did release pictures that indicate the creature is, in fact, a living entity.

The mummy was stolen from a 500-year-old Incan tomb and smuggled back to the United States in 1996. And while Dr. Storn isn't sure what will become of the creature, he suspects that the experiment will continue "as long as the mummy's tissue responds."

"The revival of the mummy stands as a monument to the advance of science but it is a morally bankrupt experiment," continued Dr. Storn.

"Maybe I'm old-fashioned, but I happen to think that a human life is God's property — not mankind's."

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DETERIORATED 500-year-old mummy was smuggled into the U.S. after it was stolen from an Incan tomb in Peru.

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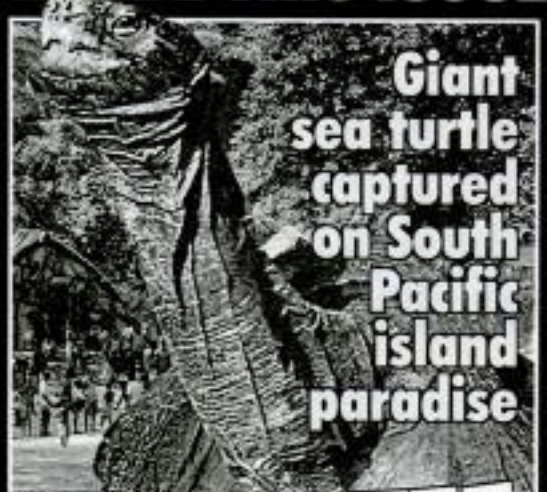

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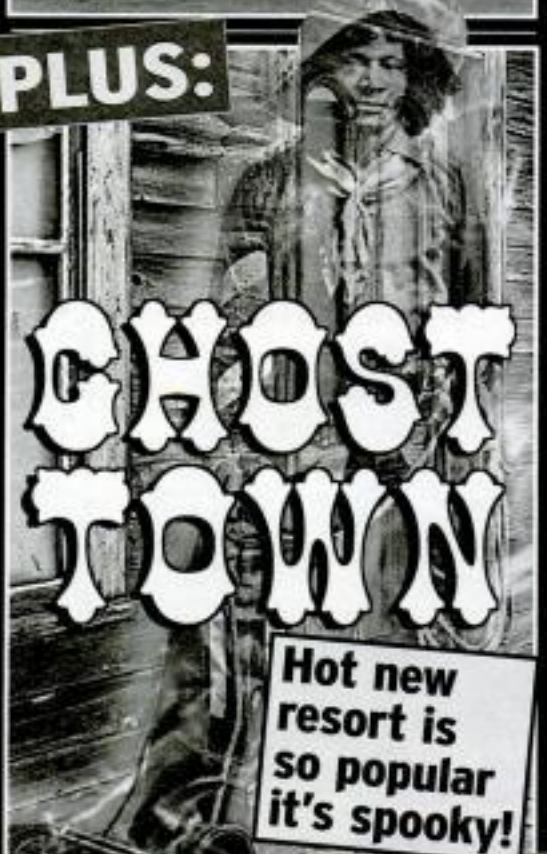

GHOST TOWN

Hot new resort is so popular it's spooky!

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